

MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY

TITLE I

RESEARCH GRANT

**Developing and Stimulating Recreation in Six Counties
of Eastern Kentucky.**

Boyd
Elliott
Johnson
Mason
Pike
Rowan

Project Directors

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An Evaluation of the Community Service or Continuing Education Project
Submitted to the University of Kentucky as the State Agency
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Education Act of 1965 in Kentucky

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Introduction

During 1967-1968, Morehead State University received Title I funds made available under the Higher Education Act of 1965 to initiate and stimulate community recreation programs in Boyd, Elliott, Johnson, Mason, Pike, and Rowan County. The director of the project was Rex Chaney and the project coordinators were Bill Pierce and Dr. John Duncan.

Not one of the six counties had any semblance of a recreation program when the program began. After repeated visits into the communities in the six counties, contacts were arranged and plans were initiated to meet with the leaders in the respective communities. The enclosed report is a summary of the efforts of the project team in attempting to realize its objectives.

Project Objectives

The community recreation program was directed toward stimulating and developing community recreation programs within the counties of Boyd, Elliott, Johnson, Mason, Pike, and Rowan in Eastern Kentucky. Specific objectives for this project were as follows:

- (1) To provide aid in the creation of public community recreation programs in the eight communities of the six-county region.
- (2) To provide technical assistance to the eight communities regarding the manner of establishing such programs.
- (3) To identify key community leaders who have power and status enough to successfully promote and achieve public community recreation programs in their community.

The following plan of attack was used to realize the program objectives:

- (1) The identification of community recreation needs for communities included in the specified region.
- (2) The identification of key community leaders who are desirous of building a recreation program for their communities. i.e. mayor, superintendent of schools, president of Chamber of Commerce.
- (3) A meeting with these key community leaders to outline recreational needs and methods of initiating such programs.
- (4) A bimonthly newsletter was published for the ten

months excluding July and August, and distributed to the leaders in each community outlining the developments of direct concern to the establishment of that community's recreation program.

- (5) A regional conference was held dealing with specific approaches and problems of the recently established recreation programs in each community.
- (6) Follow-up consultant services to the several selected communities involved in the project.

The following is a county-by-county résumé of the accomplishments and involvements of the project team in the six selected counties and the spin off areas.

Pike County

The Project Team's first involvement in Pike County occurred when they were invited to speak to the Pikeville Rotary Club. The ideas as explained were well received and much interest seemed to be aroused. Next the Project Team was invited to speak to the Pike County Inter-Agency Council. Here the team explained their purpose to approximately thirty CAP leaders from all over Pike County. It was the feeling of the group that Pike County was so large that organization must be on a community basis as opposed to a county basis. The result was an invitation to various communities in Pike County and the most promising was Elkhorn City.

The Elkhorn City meeting was organized by the Elkhorn City Jaycees. After meeting, the discussion revolved around the need for community recreation and the relationship of Breaks Interstate Park, only a few miles away, which has overshadowed the local efforts. The Boosters Club volunteered to join the Jaycees and form a Civic Committee to study the adaptation of school facilities and community facilities for recreation purposes. Plans are now underway for new year programs for the summer of 1969 in cooperation with Morehead State University.

The Project Team was asked to allow the community of Pikeville some time as they had been approved for a Model City Grant. Meanwhile, the Project Team was invited by the Pikeville City School Superintendent to visit and discuss our project. The Superintendent was anxious to develop a program for students in the City School System which would allow young people to participate in recreational programs without having to make a team. Both intramural and individual activities were the goal. Many ideas were discussed and the Superintendent took the ideas to the P.T.A. who wish to establish a plan and program for the 1969 year which the Project Team will aid and assist.

A new Pikeville Recreation Committee has been appointed by the Mayor to initiate programs for Pikeville and to work on a recreation plan for the Model Cities Program. The Project Team is now involved in both short and long range

planning with the committee. The Project Team is currently involved in organizing, distributing, and evaluating our five-part survey in Pikeville as the first step. There is much interest and an attitude of control for orderly planning of a good recreation program for Pikeville.

Mason County

The Project Team's participation in Mason County occurred following an invitation from an interested citizen from Maysville, the county seat. The initial meeting of interested residents included the County Judge and Mayor of Maysville. Following an explanation by the Project Team, a Maysville-Mason County Recreation Commission was formed. The team was invited to attend and help direct the commission in the new venture.

The commission first defined their role and then outlined short and long range goals. The first goal was to have the survey team conduct a five-part survey which was completed at no cost to the commission. The findings after reported were used as an indication of the wants and needs for Maysville-Mason County.

The most prevalent request was for a swimming pool. The Project Team secured a pool consultant from Louisville at no cost to the community and explored reopening an old abandoned pool. The idea was discarded as too expensive for the

conducting an Economic-Recreation Survey in the county in conjunction with the Agricultural Experiment Station.

The immediate plans in Sandy Hook and Elliott County call for the development of a park on a site which has been leased from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The leadership of the county will probably decide to petition the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation for funds in conjunction with the project.

Boyd County

The Project Team worked closely with the following community leaders in Boyd County:

Roy Hall, County Judge of Boyd County

Dr. William Eidson, School Superintendent of Boyd County

Lew Pilstil, Executive Secretary of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce

Ermine Chaffin, Director of Ashland Y.M.C.A.

James D. Salisbury, Director of FIVECO Agency

Delmis Donta, Elementary School Principal

Ronald Halleck, State Representative

Harold Cooksey, East Fork Watershed Commission.

The major thrust of the project was directed toward establishing recreational programming for Boyd County. The city of Ashland has a well-developed program sponsored by the Ashland Y.M.C.A., but Boyd County has a paucity of recreational facilities.

Through the help of Judge Roy Hall, a Boyd County Recreation Commission was established to plan a recreation program for the county. A partial student interest survey was conducted in the Boyd County School System by the Project Team. The Project Team placed recreational interns in the Federal Correctional Institute for the first time.

Boyd County appears to have a great amount of promise in terms of recreational possibilities. The Recreation Commission is presently planning a county-wide recreation complex and civic center. If this project is realized, it would be the largest recreation undertaking in Eastern Kentucky. The Project Team is working closely with the Recreation Commission in developing their plans.

Johnson County

The initial letters announcing the recreation project were sent to all the clubs and organizations in Johnson County. The Women's Club, which has taken the initiative for recreation in Paintsville, contacted the Project Team immediately. The major concern of the Paintsville Women's Club was for the teenagers. This teenage group had little or nothing to do if they weren't involved in the high school athletic program. The Project Team met with the Women's Club and proposed plans for the reestablishment of a defunct teen center in a vacant theatre building. Under the leadership and supervision of a

Morehead State University recreation intern, the teenagers renovated the building and the merchants of Paintsville and Johnson County pledged \$245.00 per month for its operation and programming. A varied activities program emanated from the teen center. Arts and crafts, bridge lessons, weekend dances, Candy Stripers, and a drop-in canteen were all a part of the initial program for the Paintsville-Johnson County Teen Center. A full time person has since been hired for supervision of the teen center.

A meeting was held with Mayor Wells and the proper steps toward realizing a total recreation program were discussed. Mayor Wells immediately rejuvenated the Recreation Commission.

The Paintsville Recreation Commission outlined the community needs with the aid of the Project Team.

One of the first goals realized was the hiring of two full time summer directors for the playgrounds and swimming pool.

Paintsville is planning to have a full year-round program for all ages.

Also in Johnson County plans were made to have a summer playground program in the Flat Gap community. The school buildings were to serve as the centers of the activities. A citizens' group worked out details for the program and immediately established a youth baseball program with varied activities for the younger girls in the community.

Plans are to establish a separate Johnson County Recreation Commission to give continuity to the program.

The Project Team identified and closely worked with the following people in Paintsville and Johnson County:

Mayor W. B. Wells

Mrs. Mark Maggard

Mr. Otto Baldrige

Mr. Tom Raymond King

Mr. Oran Teeter

Mr. Bud Perry

Mr. Gary Knight

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Beckett.

Rowan County

The Title I Recreation Project Team consisting of John Duncan, Bill Pierce, and Rex Chaney consulted with the existing Morehead Recreation Commission. The purposes or wide-spread commitments were outlined for the commission in order to stimulate their thinking from the idea of just summer playgrounds to the concept of total community recreation on a year-round basis for all ages.

The Project Team assisted in finding or securing a year round Director of Recreation for the community, who was capable of promoting the innovative concept of total recreation.

With the aid of interns or recreation majors from Morehead State University doing field experience, the new director

began to establish a whole new spectrum of activities for the city of Morehead--ceramics for the adults, Saturday morning activities for children, a Saturday morning story hour for pre-schoolers, a trimnastics class for young and old women, a coin collecting club for everyone interested, golf classes and several other activities of interest to the people in the Morehead area.

The Project Team worked with Mayor Layne and the Morehead City Council in planning for land purchases for outdoor recreation facilities. A 70-acre tract of land was located and an option obtained on the property. An application is being processed to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation for a 50 percent grant to aid in the purchase of this tract of land. Immediate plans are to build a swimming pool, baseball field, softball field, and a neighborhood playground on this property once purchased by the city. Long range plans show a nature trail, riding trails, and picnic areas on this site.

An agreement was reached with the county school system to use their facilities for recreational centers during the time that they were not in use by the individual schools.

The Project Team met with a citizens group from the Clearfield community and outlined some plans and goals. Long range plans seemed to indicate a pooling of resources with the city of Morehead in order to achieve total recreation for the entire community.

The Cranston community in Rowan County is developing plans for a summer youth activities program with the aid of a Morehead State University field experience student in recreation. The activities involved from the beginning will be little league baseball, dance, gymnastics and supervised free play.

Scheduled to begin in the near future is an elementary dance program in each school center. A professional dance teacher has been contacted by the Recreation Commission and plans for this program are nearly complete. This dance will include productions by the participants and the entire community will be invited.

The individuals who have been directly involved with the planning and establishment of the Morehead Recreation Program have been:

Dave Abner, Chairman of Recreation Commission

Mayor William Layne, Mayor of Morehead

Dr. Adron Doran, President of Morehead State University

Adrian Razor, Rowan County Extension Agent

Dr. James H. Powell, Dean of School of Education, Morehead State University

Colley Cornett, President of American Legion

Clifford Cassady, Superintendent of Rowan County Schools

Mrs. John Rogers, merchant

Mrs. M. Wheeler, housewife.

Adjacent Areas of Spin Off

Webbville

The Project Team worked with communities outside the project areas if there were direct requests made by those areas. There were three such areas where a concerted effort was made by the Project Team. These areas were Webbville, Tollesboro, and Brooksville.

A plan was formulated, after discussing the resources and needs of the Webbville community, whereby the citizenry would use the school as a recreation center and have the physical education teacher to stay after school hours to direct the program for them.

Webbville also plans to use the school cafeteria as a community building, to be used by the neighborhood for a multipurpose facility for many different types of activities.

Tollesboro

The Project Team met with some of the leading citizens of Tollesboro to determine what a small community might do to involve the total community. A plan was formulated and through the civic clubs' sponsorship several programs were started. A baseball program for boys, a softball program for adults, a fair that would promote gardening and different talents, and a horse show that involved most of the community, were a few of the projects started by Tollesboro. The

community also converted their Lions Club House into a community center with playground space adjacent to it. Future plans in Tollesboro are to pave a multipurpose area for basketball, parking, tennis, badminton, and any activity in which the community citizenry might be interested.

Brooksville

The Mayor of Brooksville along with a few interested citizens, after hearing of the Maysville recreation plans, contacted Rex Chaney, John Duncan, and Bill Pierce and invited the team to explore the recreation needs for the City of Brooksville. After meeting with the Mayor and the interested citizenry of Brooksville, the Mayor appointed a Recreation Commission to guarantee the continuity of the recreation program.

The commission proposed a plan for total community involvement in recreation with the aid of the Project Team. In order to create public interest, an open public community meeting was held. The recreation plan was presented. Chairman of the Recreation Commission and the Project Team presented possible methods of implementation of the plan. The proposals made in the meeting and later implemented were as follows:

- Recreation program involving all ages;
- Use of school buildings for recreation centers;
- Development of supervised summer playground program;
- Construction of swimming pool and neighborhood playground;
- Budget from the city to the Recreation Commission for operation.

Each of the above proposals were realized to a degree.

The Superintendent of Schools, after a meeting with the Recreation Commission, Project Team, and Mayor, agreed to the use of school buildings for recreation centers.

Two college students were assigned the task of supervising the summer program which included varied activities for children from arts and crafts to relay races and soap box derbies, adult softball leagues, dances for teenagers and many other community-wide functions.

The Recreation Commission applied for and received a Bureau of Outdoor Recreation grant to purchase a site, construct a swimming pool, and develop a neighborhood playground.

Future plans are to complete the swimming pool and playground in time for next summer (1969) and to broaden the scope of the total recreation program.

Culminating Conference

The highlight of the year for Project Recreation was the two-day culminating conference held on the campus of Morehead State University. A total of 96 individuals from Eastern Kentucky communities were in attendance for the conference.

The conference brought recreational consultants from all over the nation to meet with Eastern Kentucky community leaders to aid in planning strategy for the local community.

A summary of the program is enclosed. The proceedings of the conference are included in the appendix.

The Project Team is working at the present time in planning this year's conference to give further insight into the problems of programming, financing, and facilitating public community recreation.

Conclusion

After twelve months of activity, the results of this project speak for themselves. Six new recreation commissions were established, four new summer playground programs were initiated, and long range plans have been laid for total recreation programs in all six of the counties. The Project Team will continue to work with these six counties along with six new counties--Meniffee, Lewis, Fleming, Carter, Lawrence, and Greenup--for the 1968-69 fiscal year.

Recreation - Developing Stimulating Recreation in Six Counties of Eastern Ky.

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INTRODUCTION

This program was directed toward stimulating and developing community recreation programs within: (1) a six-county region of Eastern Kentucky; (2) a continuation program of consultant services for a twelve-county region of Eastern Kentucky was previously involved in the original stimulation and development program. Specific objectives for this project were:

1. To provide in the development of public community recreation programs in fourteen communities of the six-county region.
2. To provide technical assistance to the fourteen communities regarding the manner of establishing recreational programs.
3. To identify key community leaders who have power and status enough to successfully promote and achieve public community recreation programs in their community.
4. A continuation of technical assistance to those communities who have established workable programs.
5. Provide consulting assistance in the development of meaningful criteria by which local leadership may evaluate their recreational programs.

It was proposed that the program include the following:

1. An identification of community recreation needs for communities included in the specified region.

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2. The identification of key community leaders who are desirous of building a recreation program for their communities, i.e. mayor, superintendent of schools, president of chamber of commerce.
3. A meeting with these key community leaders to outline recreational needs and methods of initiating such programs.
4. Follow-up consultant services to the selected communities involved in the project.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY
MT. STERLING, KENTUCKY

Dr. Rex Chaney and Dr. Earl Bently attended a meeting at the Mt. Sterling National Bank with Billy Joe Hall, President, to present a proposal for the organizational and administrative structure for a total community recreation program for Mt. Sterling and Montgomery County. The proposed organized pattern is enclosed.

Mr. Hall presented the proposed plan and will present it to the Mt. Sterling City Council and to the Montgomery County Fiscal Court so that steps may be taken to establish both a short term and long range program for Mt. Sterling and Montgomery County.

Mr. Hall indicated that "the time is ripe" for the total recreational concept for his area.

Once the first phase for selection of a Mt. Sterling-Montgomery County Recreation Commission was completed, the project team met with this commission to enhance the implementation of the other phases.

The project team met with the following at the Montgomery County Court House as a follow-up to the earlier meeting between Dr. Chaney and Billy Joe Hall, President of the Mt. Sterling Bank:

James E. Eddy

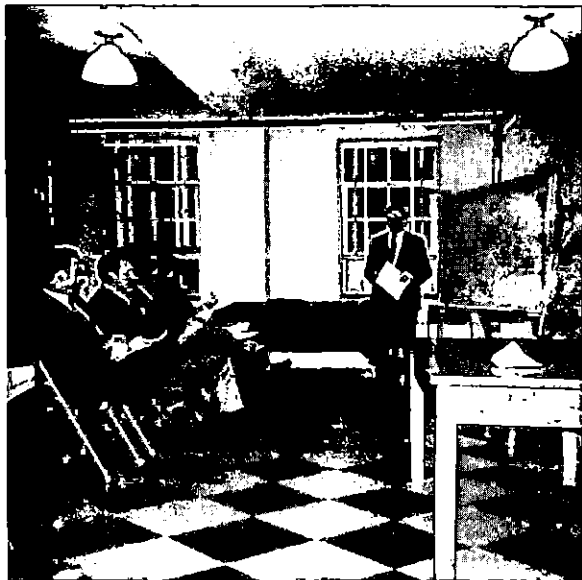
Minister - Ministerial
Association

John C. Tap

Park and Recreation Board

O. R. Carpenter

Former Little League President



COMMUNITY MEETINGS
MT. STERLING, KENTUCKY



W. H. McKimrax	City Council Representative
Winston Hamilton	City School Administration and Kiwanis
Bert Bush	Student Council President (City)
David Lane	HI-Y President (City)
Larry Sapp	Jaycees
Jane D. Hawkins	Social Worker
Carrie J. Clemmons	Community Action Program
Caswell A. Lane	County Judge
Jim Lynch	Commission (Engineer) Chairman
Rex Chaney	Morehead State University
Bo Queen	President of Jaycees - Chamber of Commerce
Richard Bowers	Gateway Area Development District, Inc.
Mayor Pribble	City Mayor

Billy Joe Hall, President of the Mt. Sterling Bank, began the discussion for the evening by going over the organizational chart -- submitted and discussed with him at an earlier meeting by Dr. Chaney of the project team -- with those in attendance. This meeting demonstrated local involvement with professionals and was mainly an effort to clarify in everyone's mind the concept of "total" recreation planning for the community.

Billy Joe Hall thereby interpreted the chart as he saw it to the assembled group. He further broke the organizational chart down into two categories and described each:

- A. Long range goals
- B. Short range (immediate goals)

The long range approach was the organizational chart submitted by Dr. Chaney.

Related to (B) preceding, the committee's "now" approach was to consider all existing programs now operating in the community. Billy Joe Hall discussed these as follows:

1. Teen Group Activity (drama, movies)
2. Little League
3. Swimming Pool Program
4. Saturday morning activity program at the school with elementary children

Mr. Hall then listed the community's "now immediate needs" as:

- A. Accept the "total" recreation concept rather than the present piecemeal operations
- B. This concept involves
 1. City-county governments appointing a recreation commission
 2. Place existing Park Board as a committee to continue to operate the on-going swimming pool program
 3. Initiate total financing rather than piecemeal. (Raise total amount needed and disburse from there)

Dick Bowers, of the Gateway Development District then talked of "now" involvement; "what we need is action."

Several things can be done without waiting for the long range program (organizational chart) to be approved as:

- A. Summer evening programs with "pick-up" volunteers.

B. Use of schools -- only thing now going on is Saturday morning elementary program

C. There is no program now for girls. Could activate this.

What we need is involvement!

Jim Lynch, Commission Chairman, then had a question answer period. Would the swimming pool budget be separate? The response was to the effect that the budget would be submitted by the Swimming Pool Board just as Little League and all other programs instituted under the "total" recreation concept.

Concern was also expressed about the swimming pool's money for operating; would it be taken for other programs? The response to this was that it would not -- that it would be budgeted by the newly formed commission based on the budget the Swimming Pool Park Board would present -- and the money would come from a "total" budget.

Reverend James Eddy brought up the point that in effect what had been discussed all evening was already on the county's books as a passed ordinance.

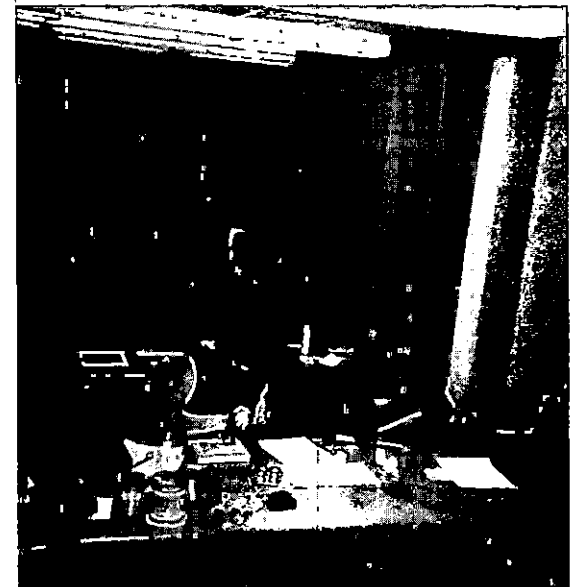
The project team then recommended that this board be revitalized with these concepts:

Proposals were made accepted to:

1. Accept proposal of "total" recreation programming (means of structuring and financing, etc.) as outlined by Billy Joe Hall.



PROJECT TEAM DEMONSTRATING
RECREATION PROGRAMMING WITH
COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM
PERSONNEL





2. A similar presentation be made to city-council and Fiscal Court for their approval.
3. To recharge the "old Board" (operating under the old ordinance) to accept this new concept or allow those who desire to initiate this and carry it out to replace those who do not want this additional responsibility.

The meeting adjourned with the same group to make the same presentation to the two governmental agencies in the community for their approval.

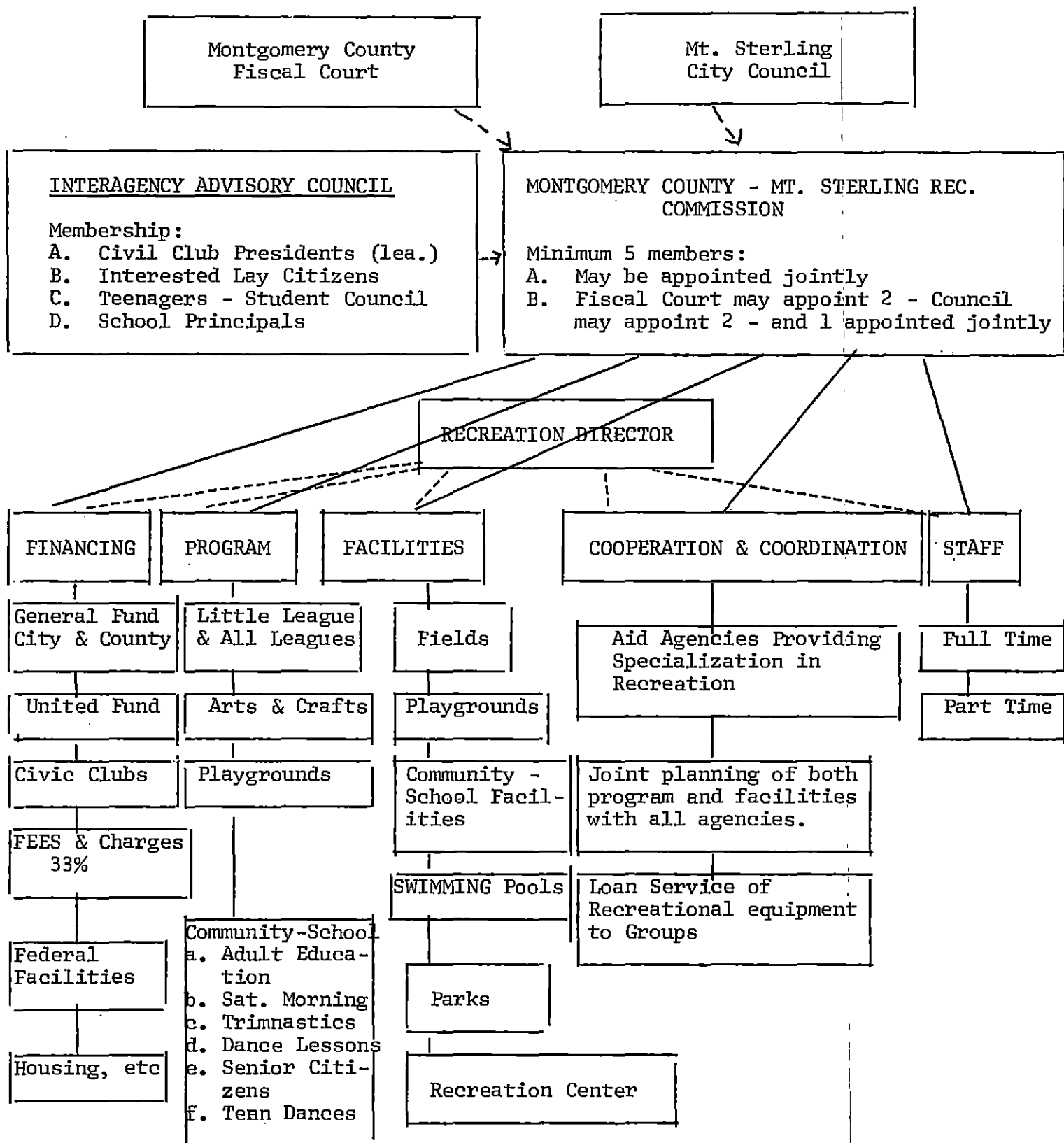
The Mt. Sterling City Council in conjunction with the Montgomery County Fiscal Court established a joint city-county recreation commission.

The project team met with the newly formed recreation commission and outlined the total scope of the responsibilities of the commission. See chart on the following page.

The commission employed three full-time summer recreation leaders to begin a recreation program in the immediate future. These students were recreation majors from Morehead State University.

The commission agreed to study the feasibility of financing a total year-round recreational program.

PROPOSED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART - MONTGOMERY COUNTY - MT. STERLING REC.
COMMISSION



Prepared for Montgomery County & Mt. Sterling

By: Dr. Rex Chaney - Morehead State University

Requested by: Billy Joe Hall - Mt. Sterling National Bank

Mt. Sterling - Montgomery County
RECREATION COMMISSION

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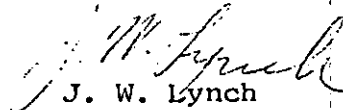
Dear Mr. Anderson:

The Mt. Sterling-Montgomery County Recreation Commission would like to be a part of the STEP program for the Summer of 1971. We would require from five to nine students as supervisors of a Summer Recreation Program.

Last year was the County's first attempt at operating a Summer playground program under the supervision of the now disbanded Gateway Recreation Commission.

Please let me know as soon as possible as to what will be required in order to be a part of the STEP program.

Very truly yours,


J. W. Lynch

JWL/lt
cc: Dr. Rex Chaney

CAMPBELL COUNTY

Several meetings were held in Campbell County with interested groups to determine the direction of the Recreation and Park programs.

The project team met with the members of the fiscal court and the park board of Campbell County for the purpose of stimulating an interest in recreation programs and facilities and outline methods for accomplishing total recreation planning.

The community leaders present at the meetings were as follows:

Bailey Root	City Manager
Howard Thompson	Salesman
Howard Gable	Park Board
Harry McAtee	Park Board
Bob Meyer	Chairman, Park Board
Lambert Hale	Fiscal Court
Judge Andrew Jolly	County Judge
George Mullencamp	Fiscal Court
Billy Romito	O.E.O.

The project team, after much discussion, suggested that a community recreation survey be completed to determine interests and needs of the citizenry. From the survey results would become clear priorities.

It was pointed out that before any continuing program of recreation and parks could be established in a county as large as Campbell, the following needs must be met.

- A. Need for at least one full-time recreation and park professional to guide the program.
- B. Need for adequate financing for recreation and parks.
- C. Need for a long range plan to purchase and develop land for recreational and park use.
- D. Need for a varied program of recreational activities on a year-round basis.
- E. Need to plan and work cooperatively with all facets of local government including the schools. This would assure joint-use of facilities.

The City Manager indicated that consideration would be given to the alleviation of the needs and that the county was beginning to move to hire a full-time recreational professional.

PERRY COUNTY
HAZARD, KENTUCKY

The project team visited Hazard, Kentucky, for the purpose of explaining how the team could assist their community in planning for total recreation.

The project team was invited by Mr. Aster Sizemore, member of the Hazard Chamber of Commerce.

Those others in attendance and their respective positions are:

Mr. K. Eblen	Attorney
Aster Sizemore	Manager of Jerry's
Wm. D. Gorman	President, WKYH-TV
James D. Hill	President, Hazard Tire and Appliance Company
Bill Landry	Manager, Scott's 5 & 10
Marcus Combs	Manager, Ward's
Harvey Hensley	County Judge, Perry County
Bert Bowman	Editor, Hazard Herald
Arley Barber	Kentucky Power Company
W. Glenn Reynolds	WKYH-TV
W. P. Morton	Mayor
George Pendleton	Hazard Credit Bureau

Dr. Chaney explained the project team's function and their availability for subsequent visits if the community desired the same.

The project team recommended the following:

1. To establish a Recreation Commission by joint agreement of the Mayor and County Judge or separate appointment by either.
2. Think in terms of future professional leadership.
3. Ways in which project team could assist:
 - a. Survey
 - b. Student assistance
 - c. Financial assistance for students hired

Several questions were raised by the Chamber such as: Have there been any surveys taken in Perry County in the last several years? The project team indicated the only survey done that they know of is the one that is done by the project team. They mentioned several of the surveys they had done and indicated that one could be done for Perry County with their assistance.

One of the guests of the Chamber of Commerce indicated their biggest problem was facilities, or rather, the lack of facilities. They have one field for everyone and it is over-used.

Dr. Chaney mentioned the B.O.R. and the assistance they could offer in this regard; additionally, there is a possibility of assistance from H.U.D.

The meeting closed with the following resolution being made in the form of a motion by the Chamber: "That the Mayor

and County Judges appoint a Recreation Committee from the city and county to investigate and come up with recommendations for recreation in the community."

The Recreation Committee agreed to study the feasibility of a comprehensive recreation program for Hazard and Perry Counties and make recommendations to the County Judge and the Mayor.



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

W.P. Morton

Feb. 24, 1970

Honorable Harve Hensley
Perry County Judge
Hazard, Ky.

Dear Judge Hensley:

You will recall that the Chamber of Commerce asked us to appoint a temporary committee to assess the recreational facilities and related items that we have here in Hazard and Perry County, with the idea that in the future a joint Perry County/Hazard Recreation Commission might be formed to get recreational programs and facilities for our children.


Dr. Rex Chaney, Department of Recreation of Morehead State University advised at this same meeting that his office would be available to attend a meeting of the committee in order to aid us in our determination of what we have and what we need.

Because of this, I would suggest the following persons to serve on the committee and would hope that you would add some if you desire and ask that you set up a meeting with Dr. Chaney's office to be held at the County Court room as soon as possible:

Rev. Andy Sale	Pastor Community Church, Lothair
Roy G. Eversole	Supt. Hazard City Schools
Alex Eversole	Supt. Perry County Schools
Walter Prater	Director Hazard Area Vocational School
Ross Blount	Hazard, Ky.
Charlie Kilburn	Lothair Little League
Marcus Combs	Hazard Perry County Magistrate
James D. Hill	Hazard President Perry County Jaycees

If I can be of any help, please call on me. It might be a good idea to ask Malcolm Holliday to have someone at the meeting, as they might be able to help get monies in future from Bureau of Outdoor Recreation or HUD for facilities. It would probably be good to have someone from University of Ky. in Hazard on Committee also.

Yours truly,


W.P. Morton
Mayor

BOURBON COUNTY

At the invitation of the Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Paris, Kentucky, Mrs. Nathalie Archbold, the project team attended a meeting held in the Chamber of Commerce Building, Paris, Kentucky.

Those in attendance and their respective positions are as follows:

Ed Robinson	President, Chamber of Commerce
Mrs. Garnett Sivinford	Supervisor, Teen Square
Rev. John S. Akers	Minister and Member, Teen Square Board
Tom Atkinson	Student, Morehead State University
Emil Rains	Mayor
William R. Reed	Assistant Principal, Paris High School
Mrs. William Reed	
Gene Archbold	Recreation Commission
Mrs. Nathalie Archbold	Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce

A discussion was held relative to what was needed in having a full, well rounded program for their community.

Presently, there are 8-10 organizations (YMCA, Jaycees, Kiwanis, etc.) operating fairly successful programs in the community, however, there is no organization or consolidation of their efforts; they each go their own separate way and

therefore are missing a lot of youth -- particularly those not athletically inclined.

They asked the project team to give their guidance and recommendations in what steps were needed to coordinate these diverse agencies and offerings into a consolidated effort.

The project team explained the importance of initially establishing a Recreation Commission either by a city, county, or city-county approach, whose authority comes under the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

Once the Commission was established, this would mesh the organizations into a workable unit. Too, an interagency council could be established to channel their needs, etc., through this newly formed Recreation Commission.

The project team additionally suggested the following:

1. School -- use of facilities
2. Vacant land that could be utilized
3. Begin looking for a professional to run a year-round total recreational program
4. After formation of a commission, let the commission and the project team, working in conjunction with the local citizens, establish the needs for the community.

Mr. William Reed, director of a Paris youth center, asked questions concerning B.O.R. participation in their project wherein a youth center had outgrown itself and was in need of expansion as well as money.



STIMULATING COMMUNITY INTEREST
AND ACTION
IN BOURBON COUNTY



The project team indicated it would invite Walt Strange to a meeting with Mr. Reed and other members present to discuss how the B.O.R. could assist them in other endeavors.

The project team met at Morehead State University with the Reverend John Murphy and John Acre, minister of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, to discuss ways to initiate a recreation program for their community.

Ways and means of stimulating community interest and action were discussed through means of an organizational chart that the project team had constructed. (See enclosure)

Items specifically discussed were:

- A. Community use of school facility
- B. Financing:
 - 1. Federal work study
 - 2. Internship
- C. Submittance to them:
 - 1. A film on school use entitled "To Touch a Child"
 - 2. Kentucky Revised Statutes 97.10
 - 3. A book by Richard Kraus entitled Recreation and the Schools
- 4. Names of those youth who could assist in their programs once initiated

The ministers showed the film, "To Touch a Child," to school board personnel for the purpose of creating community use of school facilities.

Dr. Davis, retired physician and now Health Department official from North Middletown, visited the University. The

purpose of his visit was to take with Dr. Chaney of the project team in regard to the hiring of federal work study students to assist in the implementation of a recreation program in his community for the coming summer. Dr. Davis pointed out the lack of a present recreational program in his community and the need for a comprehensive type of recreational program to be effected in North Middletown.

At the end of the meeting Dr. Chaney indicated he would submit a list to Dr. Davis of eligible students, both in terms of finances and in terms of being recreational students, from the Bourbon County area for the community to interview for the position.

Dr. Davis suggested that two be hired. Dr. Chaney also requested Dr. Davis to write Tag Guyton, Coordinator of the Federal Work Study Program, at Berea College, Berea, Kentucky,

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requesting that Morehead State University students be allowed to work in this program for the summer. A copy of the letter from Dr. Davis to Mr. Guyton will be forwarded to Morehead State University coordinator, Mr. Elmer Anderson.

MARTIN COUNTY
INEZ, KENTUCKY

The project team visited Inez, Kentucky, in Martin County. Inez has a population of 600. The following people were in attendance at the meeting:

William R. McCoy	County Attorney
Victoria Kirk	County Judge
Pauline Goble	Assistant Superintendent
L. T. Hardin	Representative
Billy R. Cassady	Teacher and Coach
Charles Kirk	Cashier, Inez Bank
Russell Williamson	President, Inez Deposit Bank
Tom Williamson	Inez, Kentucky
Everett Hom, Jr.	Assistant Director, Big Sandy
Eugene R. Ward	Citizen
Pam Ward	Teacher

Inez has no real organization sponsoring a recreation program and those in attendance were just a group of interested citizens.

They asked the project team to discuss the ways that it could be of assistance, indicating that they had no money with which to work.

The project team mentioned that the program under which the project team operated had no money to offer the community,

but that it could offer assistance in the way of consultant and technical aid.

The project team indicated basically they could guide or assist the community in the way they desired based upon their needs and priorities. The project team further emphasized that it would not cost the community anything for them to work with them.

Basically, it was recommended that the community should initially establish a recreation commission of at least five members. This would give them the organizational structure needed to develop subsequent plans and make future decisions.

The project team cited several communities that were presently offering "piecemeal" organization for recreation (i.e. Jaycees operating little league, Kiwanis, the park, etc.) and although this is good as a beginning, the real solution lay in the formation of a recreation commission for total recreational programming to look at the total needs of the community.

Dr. Chaney discussed Paintsville's experience (the giving of supervision to groups) and of communities that indicated they had no facilities when actually all they needed to do was to look around at such areas as National Guard Armories, supermarket parking areas, and etc. Maysville, Kentucky, is another typical example. For example, they had a civic club building (Elks) which the project team

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recommended to have the upstairs renovated for a teen center. Also, a fire station is being utilized as a place for senior citizens to meet.

Questions were raised as to the Commission's authority. Dr. Chaney emphasized that their authority was very limited in the way of funding, however, they may make recommendations to the fiscal court for approval of funds from the general fund; they can have a referendum; can engage in contracts related to recreation (i.e. leasing, etc.); and they have the power to hire and fire recreational professionals and staff.

One of those present at the meeting (B. R. Cassady) indicated the only recreation now present in the county was a little league baseball team and a Babe Ruth Program begun this past year -- all sponsored by the Board of Education. This involved approximately 160 youths.

There is no park, nor really any real place for these youths to participate.

Mr. Cassady did remark that they were going to propose taking an "itinerant" playground approach to the various elementary schools this past summer (i.e. Monday at one location, Tuesday at another location in the county).

The consensus of those at the meeting seemed to be that one of their biggest problems was to find a place for youth to meet.

Another big headache for these people was to furnish paid supervision for recreation. Dr. Chaney indicated the

project team could furnish people from Morehead to assist and then he went on to explain the Work-Study or Step Program. Last year, for example, 40 people were hired for recreation programs in the Step Program.

The project team further indicated the best way to approach all of these problems in recreation would be through the establishment of this commission. This being the next step, the project team indicated they would be happy to come back and assist them further in their quest for a recreational program.

FLOYD COUNTY

The project team visited the recreational facilities at Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

The park, named Archer Park, has many excellent facilities to include:

- 1 community center building
- 6 tennis courts (grasstex) and fenced
- 1 tot lot
- 1 swimming pool
- 1 boat (anchored in Dry Dock)
- several baseball and softball fields
- 1 horse show rink

This community has one of the better facilities within the state for a community of their size. The area was well planned and zoned with the only negative aspect being the location. It is just off the interstate on the outskirts of the city. The only real problem now confronting the community is that of leadership.

Prestonsburg is presently vitally interested in seeing that a program of total recreation is instituted. In view of this fact, the University project team has worked closely with those from the Prestonsburg Community in trying to see to it that they realize their objective as soon as possible.

The project team, in cooperation with the school system, has provided the community with one of its outstanding Recreation majors to begin programming to meet the community's needs. This individual worked in conjunction with the school and Park while doing his student teaching. After his teaching

assignment is over for the day, he went to the Park and began to program for their needs.

Prestonsburg has hired a part-time recreational staff member to program Archer Park during the school year. This individual works full time doing recreational program in the summer.

KENTON COUNTY
FT. MITCHELL, KENTUCKY

The project team, at the request of Mr. Bob Stevens, Chairman of the Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky, Park Board visited the community of Ft. Mitchell to assist them in activating a program of recreation. Population for Kenton County is 6,000.

Those members of the Park Board present at the meeting were as follows: Bob Stevens, Jack Schultz, Jack Borcharding, and Jerry Strickler. This board has only recently been created.

It was discussed, in general, the services the project team provided:

1. This project is in its third year and although Kenton County was not one of the service areas, the project team would still render what services it could to this community because of their close relationship to Campbell County (a "spin off" area previously worked in by the project team) and because of the need exhibited by those present at the meeting.
2. It was indicated that the project team did not have funds to build playgrounds etc. but that Morehead State University could assist in the staffing of an area or facility through placement of university recreation intern students or workshop-field experience students.

The group was asked what or how the survey team could specifically assist them in meeting their needs.

Mr. Stevens then went into a brief history of the Ft. Mitchell area. He indicated the only recreational site presently available was one tract of park land in the shape of a triangle. A basketball court and ice skating rink are to be developed for the teenagers and younger children on this site. This will probably cost \$3,000 of a 5,000 year by appropriation for the Park Board. However, this development has met opposition from the citizens within the area of development because of their fear of this area being turned into a place for "parking," "tramps" and the like. These people do not want anything done to the area.

There are no athletic fields available outside of the Beechwood High School and it is thought this would be done away with.

All members indicated land was at a premium. Dr. Chaney explained two possibilities of obtaining needed land.-- the B.O.R. and H.U.D. because of Ft. Mitchell's being in an urban area.

If Ft. Mitchell's citizens raise the funds and match the same with B.O.R. monies, what about neighboring communities infringing (particularly the "public" clause stipulation)? Dr. Chaney indicated he would get clarification on this from Walt Strange, B.O.R. representative for Kentucky, and call Mr. Stevens to appraise him of his findings.

There seemed to be a real concern on the part of the Park Board concerning the community's attitudes toward Federal Programs being "attached with strings" (toward taxation in any form). Dr. Chaney tried to alleviate these fears through an ensuing discussion.

The project team then indicated and recommended that Morehead State University, in cooperation with Ft. Mitchell's citizens, conduct a survey to more accurately determine the community's recreational needs.

The project team returned to Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, for a work and discussion session relating to implementing a survey for the Ft. Mitchell community.

The meeting was held in the Blessed Sacrament Cafeteria. Those in attendance were as follows:

Dick Kramer	School Board
Mr. Macklin	President of School Board
Mr. Dillion	Blessed Sacrament Lay Board
Mr. Butler	Blessed Sacrament Lay Board
Mr. Whitehead	Member, City Council
Sister Antenella	Blessed Sacrament Principal
Mrs. Moser	Parish Council
Allan Groneman	Parish Council
Rita Hallman	Parish Council
Moreland Elaine	Fort Mitchell Baptist Church

Mr. Bob Stevens introduced Dr. Chaney and the project team and briefly discussed their purpose for returning to Ft. Mitchell.

Dr. Chaney then discussed the project team's role under the Title I program and answered questions those in attendance had in regard to the survey and the recreational needs of the citizens of Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky.

One of the chief reasons for the project team's return visit was to show a film entitled "To Touch a Child" which had implications for the use of schools by the community in their recreational programming.

The intention of this film was not to sell or force Ft. Mitchell into utilization of its schools for recreation; rather to give them an idea of the scope and variety of activities that could be implemented with or without the use of the schools. This was well presented in the film.

Another reason for the film was due to Ft. Mitchell's unique situation of being in an urban area with 6-7 other cities with a mile radius of their particular community. This, of course, presents land use problems of a paramount nature; therefore, the value of the film lies in the ability of the community to utilize what areas and facilities that they can and that are nearby. Thus again, one comes back to the school which is -- or should be -- the focal point of many of a community's efforts because of the ready availability of location, land, facilities, and potential

leadership held within the school system. After the film, Dr. Chaney again responded to questions relating to the film and others.

One interesting sidelight concerning Ft. Mitchell is that they have an average income in the community of \$10,000 whereas the national average is around \$5,000. This will have a great impact on the project team's subsequent proposals and recommendations regarding the recreational programming for Ft. Mitchell residents.

The project team discussed the Lifetime Sports Program and its Clinic Programs and also community use of the school facility.

After this discussion, the Park Board asked to see the film "To Touch a Child" (project team recommended if the facility situation was as described at the outset of the meeting) which deals with community use of a school facility.

This film and a slide and tape series on the same program will be shown to the Park Board, School Superintendent, Principal, Church Advisory, Board of Blessed Sacrament, and a member or members of the school board to attempt to obtain their support and/or to air any problems related to this type of endeavor.

Again, the Park Board emphasized the need for a place for teenage boys to play basketball in the winter, baseball, football, picnic and playground facilities (all being relatively inexpensive but highly needed).

The question was then raised as to what type facilities a community this size should have. What, for example, is happening in other communities of comparable size? What would be ideal? What are the costs? Dr. Chaney indicated that each community has different needs and where one program or facility might work in one area, it might not in another.

Mr. Stout asked about the present use of the Beechwood School and its surrounding area (playground, athletic fields, etc.); and about other recreational programs going on in the community.

The Park Board indicated the churches are fairly active having "Knothole" leagues, girls softball, but nothing presently is happening through the Park Board.

Mr. Stevens indicated he had been most impressed by three factors brought to light during the discussion:

1. Survey and its possibilities and potential for determining needs.
2. Film, "To Touch a Child" on school use for recreation.
3. Student assistance offered by University and project team at a nominal fee (\$18 per week) to the community.

The survey was in two parts:

1. Home and Family -- approximately one out of ten families would be surveyed.

2. School Interest Survey -- the juniors in the Ft. Mitchell city schools would be surveyed.

The results of these two forms pinpointed the areas that Ft. Mitchell should concentrate on in the future in order to develop a logical procedure and plan of operation for a well-rounded recreational program.

Schools of concern in the area where the surveys were completed were:

Beechwood High School -- only school in the city

Notre Dame -- girls school

Covington Catholic

Villa Madonna Academy - girls

Several questions were raised concerning the survey.

The project team returned to Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky, for the purpose of disseminating the Home and Family Survey instrument.

While in the Ft. Mitchell community, the project team visited or made contact with the following schools to make arrangements for the student interest survey:

Notre Dame -- has 169 Ft. Mitchell students in 11th grade

St. Henry -- found to have no Ft. Mitchell students

Villa Madonna -- principal not in

Dixie Hts. -- Teacher's strike

Covington Catholic -- already surveyed

Beechwood -- Teacher's strike

There are approximately 665 public school students and 800 parochial school students in grades 1-12.

Based on the results of this survey, recommendations will be made by the project team as to the direction the youth of the Ft. Mitchell area have indicated they desire the Recreation Program for their community to go. Results of the survey are to be found in the Appendix.

The following are the recommendations made to Ft. Mitchell as a result of the survey and the project team's involvement with the Recreation Commission:

1. There appears to be a definite need for a fully staffed recreation teen center where dancing, crafts, informal activities, sports and girls' activities may be conducted. There also appears to be a need for a swimming pool and park facility as shown by the student interest survey in regard to needed facilities. This need was further emphasized when the students replied that lack of these facilities was one of the important reasons why they could not participate in them.
2. According to the survey findings, a number of students felt a lack of confidence in their own ability to participate in some activities (unskilled). This seems to indicate the need for trained, professional leadership in school and

community recreation programs to educate the young people in skill development and to foster positive attitudes toward the use of leisure time and recreation. The project team additionally recommends clinics as Lifetime Sports to implement skill development in a number of areas.

3. It is recommended that a youth council be formed to organize and to plan the activities needed for the teenage community. Furthermore, it is suggested that these activities be closely supervised. The youth council should be an advisory council to the existing Recreation Commission.
4. Results from the survey present a concrete case for hiring full-time professional recreation leaders for the Ft. Mitchell community.
5. The Home and Family Survey revealed a great need for an organized community recreation program. This was evidenced by many of the responses and comments made on the questionnaires. With a progressive city such as Ft. Mitchell (as evidenced by the \$10,000 average yearly family income) the city can ill afford not to have a comprehensive program encompassing all age groups.
6. The appropriate school buildings should serve as supplementary recreation centers. All new school buildings should be designed and zoned for community

use. The community use sections should be readily accessible to the public. Their use should not require the opening of any other portion of the buildings. It should be understood that such use would not conflict with the school program. Cost of this use should be held to a minimum, perhaps to the cost of additional custodial services. It should be understood that community recreation would be made available only if competent leadership and supervision is provided and the building is left in as good a condition as that which it was found.

7. The project team recommends that more publicity be given to the program and the purposes, objectives and goals of the Recreation and Park Board of the City of Ft. Mitchell. In view of this, widespread community support is a necessity. This can be achieved through close contact with the news media. Let the public know what is being planned and carried forth through publicity. **KEEP THE COMMUNITY INFORMED.**
8. A swimming pool should be provided. It is further suggested that this swimming pool be provided to serve both the school and community in order to achieve maximum effectiveness (indoor pool). Swimming can serve as an ideal physical education activity and a lifetime form of recreation. In this age when water sports are becoming number one - recreationally speaking - it is essential that everyone

know how to swim. A charge should be made for people using the pool during non-school hours.

9. The summer recreation program, begun on a trial basis last year, should be not only continued, but expanded as a part of the total year round recreational program.
10. The city should begin now to consider possible sites for a city park. Monies for such land acquisition may be made possible through federal programs such as the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Department of the Interior.
11. Every possible encouragement should be given to such youth serving organizations as 4-H Clubs, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, and Boy Scouts.

The Ft. Mitchell Recreation Commission agreed to begin implementation of each of the recommendations as they can feasibly be done.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

At the request of Paul Walker, 5th district representative youth council from Springfield, Kentucky, the project team met with the mayor and other influential civic leaders of the Springfield community.

The purpose of the meeting was basically to present the project team's philosophy concerning "total" recreation and to assist the Springfield community in getting their program "off the ground" in regard to leadership, financing and organization.

As far as the history of the efforts in Springfield is concerned, the Jaycee's have looked into the possibility of establishing a community center (teen center) type of structure but encountered several difficulties. They abandoned the idea of the center for a while because of lack of support. Then the ministerial association took over the endeavor checking with the Jaycee's to see that they were not duplicating previous efforts. So, the people that were present at this meeting were brought together by the ministerial association to get their thinking and support for some type of community recreational program.

Dr. Chaney was asked to give his guidance governing what steps or priorities were needed to get something going. Dr. Chaney explained the project team program and indicated

the following general steps would be necessary for realization of a sound recreational program to be effected within the community:

1. Establish a Recreation Commission. This gives centralization, coordination and continuity. The Kentucky Revised Statutes 97.10 allows a community to establish such a program. Additionally, this commission, according to law, must have, at a minimum, five members.
2. Financing and leadership. These two go hand-in-hand. Eventually, the community will have to come to grips with the task of hiring a professional recreator to plan and coordinate a total recreational program for the community.

Questions were then asked relative to federal funding. Dr. Chaney emphasized the programs of the B.O.R., F.H.A., H.U.D. and Federal Housing projects, but also indicated to those present that monies for programming were almost nonexistent. However, the project team did spell out to the group the Federal Work Study Program wherein the University in conjunction with the Federal Government would provide students from their area to assist them in operating a recreation program, providing 70% of the cost of these individuals.

The question was also raised as to how much it takes to run a program with the response to the effect that it differs

in different communities going from a national average of \$8 per capita, or above, to a low of \$1.50 or below.

Another question of importance was whether this should be or is a city or county effort. It was indicated that it can be worked in either way. If a city program is desired, the commission is appointed by the Mayor and City Council; if it is to be a county program, then the county judge and fiscal court additionally approve of the legislation necessary to enact this commission into law.

The result of the meeting was that those present decided to have a joint city-county program; to appoint a recreation commission and get started on the "total" recreation concept by following the project team's outlined priorities.

The group present appointed a nominating committee of five persons to select those people from the community whom they felt could and would adequately serve on such a commission. It was further decided to approach the Mayor and City Council at their regular monthly meeting with "their" selected recreation commission from the city; to explain the purpose of the commission and their subsequent goals and objectives.

The County Commission will be selected by the same procedure at a later date.

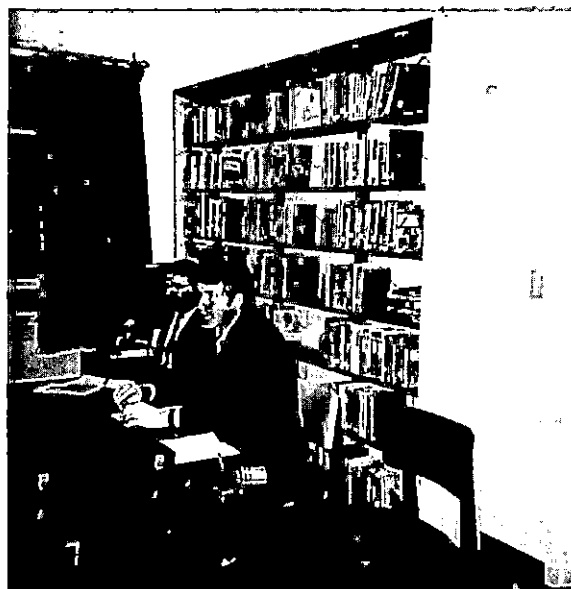
Those attending the meeting and their positions within the community are presented as follows:

H. Edwin Pulliam	Banker
Paul Walker	Youth Council
J. H. Dunlap, Sr.	

Tom D. Reed	
John O'Conner	Priest
Alan Baker	Broadcaster
C. V. Bryant	
Jas Miller, Jr.	Tobacco
Glenn Salmon	Excavating Cont.
J. X. Strenticest	Priest
Phil Barber	Salesman
Frank Peters	
Kenneth J. Gordon	G.M.A.C. Field Representative
Rev. J. T. Blandford	St. Donium Catholic Church
Sister Margrett Marie	St. Catherine College
F. Jerome Convoy O.P.	Pastor, St. Rose Catholic Church
Don Rankin	Minister, Methodist Church



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BATH COUNTY

A recreation meeting was held by the Owingsville Recreation Commission in the basement of the Church of God, Main Street, Owingsville, Kentucky.

The membership in the Owingsville Recreation Commission is composed of the following members:

Rev. Joseph Blair	Minister, Church of God
Robert Gilmore	Mayor, City of Owingsville
Charles Sturgill	Soil Conservation Service
Jack Smoot	Athletic Director and Recreation Director, Bath County
Charles Purvis	Board of Education

The purpose of this meeting was to explore the possibilities of obtaining a recreational program for Owingsville citizens and of obtaining federal funds to help defray the cost and to expedite the program. In order to properly evaluate steps needed to be taken, and to help the commission in the establishment of priorities, the Commission, through the recommendation of Mr. Billy Joe Hall, invited Dr. Chaney to their meeting to give them ideas, guidance, and direction in the steps needed to activate such a recreation program.

This was the newly formed commission's second meeting. However, it was the first for the project team.

Dr. Chaney talked extensively concerning the ways and means of obtaining federal funds such as: B.O.R., F.H.A.

programs, and the ramifications, combinations, and the pros and cons of the same. Also, memberships, bond issues, and financing were discussed as means of paying for facilities. Additionally, Dr. Chaney spent considerable time talking of the way programs had started from the "grass roots" level in Paintsville, Brooksville, and Maysville under the Title I Act. He dealt with the question of schools and their possible use by the recreation program that would be enacted. Dr. Chaney said this situation required special handling and problems, but did offer excellent possibilities for city recreation -- school cooperation concerning joint use of an expensive facility.

The mayor showed a letter of invitation to the project team that came from the Bath County librarian concerning the White House Conference to be held in Washington in 1970. There was to have been a meeting at Morehead State University to discuss issues and priorities that should come forth from the Appalachia region to be considered at the White House meeting in 1970. The letter requested the mayor to focus on the five greatest needs for the youth in his city and county. The mayor, in response, listed the following to be the greatest needs of his community's youth:

1. Swimming pool
2. Tennis courts
3. Croquet and horse shoe pit lighted
4. Teen center or a type of community center building
5. Basketball

Much time was spent discussing land, land costs, land values in the community; all in relationship to the mayor's "five priorities" mentioned above.

Considerable time was taken in the form of questions posed to Dr. Chaney, most of which concerned land and funding, i.e.:

1. Could recreation areas within a city be separated?
(affirmative)
2. Could land be matched with a federal grant?
(affirmative)

Dr. Chaney volunteered the services of Mr. Walter Strange, area coordinator or representative for B.O.R. funding, from the Kentucky Program and Development Office, Frankfort, Kentucky. The purpose of Mr. Strange's visit to Bath County was to outline steps to be taken in the community for the acquisition and development of suitable areas and steps needed in planning areas.

It was emphasized that at this time no one in the Gateway Development Area had submitted a plan and that Owingsville would stand an excellent chance for obtaining federal grants if they would get something started.

It was indicated funds could be cut next year so to proceed -- not in haste, but also, not dragging their feet if they were ready to start.

At the second meeting of the Owingsville Recreation Commission, Dr. Chaney introduced Mr. Walter Strange who spoke on the types of programs in which Owingsville could enter.

Mr. Strange talked of the program he represents and some of the rules and regulations of the same. Some of the following facts were made known at this meeting concerning the B.O.R.:

1. They (B.O.R.) will not participate in building divic centers, storage areas, etc.
2. They will build:
 - Picnic Shelters (open)
 - Restrooms
 - Ball Fields
 - Swimming Pools
 - Lakes
 - Volleyball Courts
 - Handball Courts
 - Hiking Trails
 - Boat Docks
3. Some of the ways of obtaining the city's matching share are:
 - Cash
 - Donation
 - Memberships
 - In-Kind Contributions (i.e. city or county trucks can be used; personnel can be used)
4. The B.O.R. program is a reimbursable program which means the city obtains money (50%) upon the B.O.R.'s receipt of a cancelled check. This means that the city must have capital to begin the work, and to work with.
5. Once a site is selected, B.O.R. has to approve and inspect this site, and upon approval, enter into a contract.
6. The B.O.R. expects the city to maintain and operate the acquired and developed site indefinitely. If

one builds a pool and maintenance costs \$15,000 per year, the city must still leave it and operate it.

7. The city may build on leased land.
8. The B.O.R. discourages school-land use because of school expansion, etc., plus the fact that the program they become involved in is for the total community and not just for schools' use.
9. The City of Owingsville is talking in terms of a \$100,000 facility.
10. Mr. Strange emphasized strongly not to think solely in terms of building a swimming pool, rather think in terms of a total facility -- one that will take care of everyone's needs (including the handicapped).

Mr. Tom Knepshield, member of Instant Recreation Company, and salesman for Game Time, Inc., was then introduced by Dr. Chaney.

Mr. Knepshield talked of his planning firm and told how he could and would assist them in planning and development of Owingsville's facilities. Mr. Knepshield showed the commission a plan drawn up by his firm, of a facility they were developing in Georgetown, Kentucky, population 10,000. This was a \$200,000 facility.

Mr. Knepshield indicated they would do all planning, legal work, contracts, etc., if they were given the contract to handle this facility. Otherwise, they would charge \$500

to draw up plans for this facility and if they were not accepted or not built, all the city would owe the planning firm would be \$500.

The Commission then asked Mr. Knepshield to handle the project and draw up the plans for them.

The next step as indicated by the Commission would be to try and contact the chairman and the school board to see if they could not obtain the land which is now a part of the school's property.

Mr. Knepshield said that a plan would be ready in two weeks and not to start on a "drive" etc., without first having something as these plans to show the community.

The project team, along with members of Instant Recreation, Inc., returned to Owingsville to show members of the Board of Education a rough draft schematic of what the community would be realizing in the way of a recreational facility if and when they entered into an agreement with Instant Recreation, Inc.

However, there were two main areas of immediate concern before the school board could vote either way as to accepting or rejecting the above proposal.

1. The whole question stems around whether or not the Board of Education could legally turn the school property over to the newly created Recreation Commission. This is due to the fact that most members felt you could not turn over (deed) mortgaged property (which the school's is).

2. Do we (school board) want to do this? Most wanted time to consider this among their constituents before voting on the issue.

The board decided to meet at a later date to decide on the issue.

Dr. Chaney and Mr. Tom Knepshield were to try to get answers to the legality question and report back immediately to the Board of Education. Dr. Chaney recommended to change the Owingsville's Recreation Commission to include the county, i.e., Bath County or Bath Metropolitan Park Board.

Dr. Chaney and Julian Walker, Recreational Consultant and Planner, Frankfort, Kentucky, visited Bath County to look over the proposed site for Bath County's newly planned recreational complex. A three acre site behind the high school had been selected for the county's recreation area. On this site was to be a swimming pool, tennis courts, playground, and picnic areas and tables.

The purpose of the meeting was to give Mr. Walker, Planner of Instant Recreation, Inc., an opportunity to view the land and begin to formulate and develop a logical and systematic plan for its future development.

After this meeting, it was decided that another meeting should be scheduled to present the tentative plan for the Bath County recreational complex.

The plans have been formulated and presented to the Recreation Commission. Implementation toward development will begin as soon as the land has been garnered from the school board.

Recreation Commission Studies Swimming Pool

On Thursday, January 22nd, the Recreation Commission met in the Bath County School yard to explore a possible site for a new Bath County swimming pool. The swimming pool project is the first link in a chain of recreational improvements the citizens of Bath County are seeking for. The proposal of this project grows out of deep concern for the recreational needs of our young people, particularly, as well as the entire family. The strong feeling Bath Countyans have is: "Let's do it." "Let's provide good recreational opportunities for our youth in our community, and, thus, help keep them off the highways." This project will secure the community. In March, 1968, the City Council of Owingville appointed five men to serve on a Recreational Commission. These men are: John Baber, Clinton Purvis, Jack Smart, Charles Huber, and Rev. Joe Blair. These men have been making extensive studies of the public recreational needs of Owingville and Bath County citizens. First, they met to share their own feelings about

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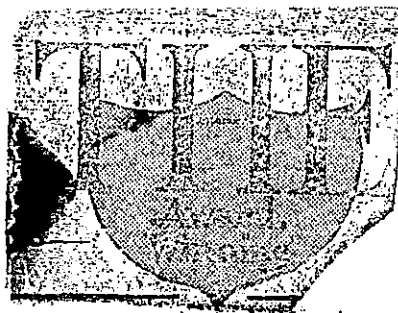
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recreation for their children and families. Second, they talked with persons throughout Bath County about their hopes and dreams for their families and community. Third, they talked with experts in the field of public family recreation--men like Dr. Rex Chaney, head of the Department of Recreation for Morehead University; Mr. Julian Walker, well-known architect for Kentucky parks and recreational projects; Mr. Tom Knapp, "Idea Man" for Game Time, Inc., Louisville.

For assistance in funding recreational projects, the Recreation Commission spoke with Mr. Walter C. Strange, Frankfort, head of the Kentucky Program Development Office. Also, the Commission consulted with Congressman Carl Perkins, Representative Nell Guy McManara, and Senator John Sherman Cooper. All were helpful in sending information on how to secure federal assistance for funding projects for 50% of the cost. All encouraged our community to take action right away for improvements in public recreation. They said, in essence, "Other communities are getting federal funds to assist them in fulfilling their dreams for a better community. Why not Bath County?"

If you are interested in a better tomorrow for Bath County, speak out in support of improved public family



NEWS-ENTERPRISE OUTLOOK

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1970

BOARD PURPOSE OUTLINED

Judge Names Park Board Members

The Honorable Judge Claude Shrontz, Bath County Judge, has appointed the following persons to serve on the Bath County Parks and Recreation Commission: Ralph Crouch, Bethel; Ben Allen Sharp, Sharpsburg; Bob Frizzel, Salt Lick; Charles Huber, Owingsville; Lewis Adams, Rt. 3, Owingsville; Vergil Lyons, Olympia.

The purpose of this Bath County Parks and Recreation Commission is outlined thus:

1. To evaluate the needs and desires of the Bath County people for improved parks and recreational facilities.
2. To initiate and lead in progress for Bath County.
3. To cooperate with and to coordinate the efforts of the agencies working for recreational improvements in our County.
4. To become well informed concerning the availability of government funds for community improvements in the area of recreation, and to lead in securing such funds for the progress and welfare of Bath County citizens.

With the cooperation and support of the people, this Commission can be another step of progress for Bath County.

City Council Names Recreation Commission

A recreation commission has been appointed by the city of Owingsville. The commission was created as a means of seeking funds from the Federal Government to help in a recreational program for the young people.

The recently published pamphlet "Guidelines for Local Participation in the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act" shows that the Federal Government is willing to participate

in the construction of outdoor recreation facilities to the extent of 50% of their cost. The commission has been granted the authority to find out how this money can be obtained and to act in getting some money for use locally.

Owingsville Mayor Robert W. Gilmore and the city council have named the Rev. Joe Blair as chairman of the commission. Members are John Baber, Clinton Purvis, Jack Smoot and Charles Huber.

ROWAN COUNTY

Morehead, Kentucky, a small rural university community in the Appalachian foothills of Eastern Kentucky recently employed a unique approach to soliciting funds for a much needed and long overdue recreational complex for its citizens and for the University students.

For well over two years, the University, through the efforts of a Title I Research Grant from the Federal government to the University's Recreation Department, has endeavored to promote the concept of total recreational programming in an eighteen county region of Eastern Kentucky. Not one of the counties had any semblance of a recreation program when the grant began. After repeated visits into the communities in the counties, contacts were arranged and plans were initiated to meet with the leaders in the respective communities.

Rowan County, being one of the counties under the grant, decided to initially finance their recreation program through a grant from the Farmer's Home Administration. The community applied for and received tentative approval for F.H.A. funds in the approximate amount of \$300,000 for building a recreational complex; purchased 60 acres of land to be developed into a recreational complex; employed and received architectural plans for a year round swimming pool, recreational community building, four all-weathered surfaced tennis courts,

baseball and softball fields, tot lots and inforced games and court areas; sold 340 family memberships at \$100 per family for local support of this project; and has asked the city council to budget for year round supervisory personnel. The Title I project team assisted by guiding Rowan County in each of these developments. However, due to the Vietnam war and other domestic problems, the Nixon administration ordered a cut-back in domestic spending and the F.H.A. advised the community they could not make the long term loan.

It was felt if a program were not implemented at this time, while the citizenry of Rowan County was ready to act on some sort of recreation facility, it would perhaps be a generation before the topic would be brought forth again. Proponents of the recreation complex then turned to the city of Morehead and the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation for financial assistance.

The city council indicated they would support the project if the local community could raise \$10,000 to help defray the expense by requesting a \$135,000 grant from the B.O.R. and by placing on a ballot a referendum to borrow approximately \$125,000.

To raise the needed \$10,000, Morehead and Rowan County displayed "Community cooperation" in "full measure" during a five hour telethon in which \$11,200 was pledged for the contemplated recreation center.

The telethon was conducted by radio stations WMOR and WMKY; Morehead T.V. Cable, and the Visual Aids Department of Morehead State University from which the program originated.

The recreation association and the city stressed that approximately 340 families had previously subscribed and paid \$100 each to the recreation complex, and without the telethon the entire venture would not have been possible because for a project such as this total community support is vital to its success.

The telethon enabled most citizens in the community, many for the first time, to really understand what was trying to be accomplished for them through this project -- The What, Where, When and How of the project.

Rowan County and Morehead, thanks to radio, television, and community pride and support, are now well on the way toward meeting a basic human need for all people -- Recreation.

The Morehead News

MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY, THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 9, 1970

Park Project Altered

City May Take Over Plan, Control Of Recreation Center

The \$475,000 indoor and outdoor recreation complex planned by an organized private group of citizens is not doomed, and an alternate plan will be proposed today, according to Woodrow W. Barber, President of the Morehead-Rowan County Recreation Association.

Barber said the Farmers Home Administration had rejected, or delayed, the application for a long term \$425,000 loan because of President Nixon's order curtailing domestic spending. He added that several discussions and small group policy meetings had been held over the week. This is the new proposal:

- + The 300 people, mostly families, who put up \$100 each agree to turn this (about \$30,000) over to the City. Letters went out this week to all of the 300 charter members.

- + A meeting has been called for this (Thursday) evening in the courthouse at 7:30 with all the original subscribers and anybody else urged to attend.

- + Eliminate certain features of the recreation center so the cost would be about \$325,000.

- + The City apply for a 50-50 matching grant from the federal government.

- + The City use the \$30,000 and borrow around \$240,000 more to meet its one-half of the cost.

- + Title to the recreation complex be vested in the City of Morehead, and the park operated by city government instead of the Morehead-Rowan County Recreation Association.

Original plans called for many outdoor playgrounds; club house; full size, all-year, olympic swimming pool; community recreation rooms; restaurant; banquet hall, etc., including lights for outdoor night events.

The Farmers Home Administration has, in the past, made hundreds of long term loans like this if citizens demonstrate acceptable local interest, and subscribe some of their

own money such as the \$100 each family did, at Morehead. The policy was changed with Nixon's cut in domestic spending order, primarily related to the War in Vietnam, and inflation.

Mayor William H. Layne told the Morehead News he had met several times with Barber, and other groups, concerning the new plan.

He said, however, the City would undoubtedly have to call a referendum (election) to sell upwards of \$100,000 in municipal bonds. The position of the recreation league is that Moreheadians "want the park so strongly they'll vote an additional tax, if necessary, to amortize the bonds."

If the proposal which apparently will be submitted at this evening's open forum is carried through the Morehead-Rowan County Recreation Association would disband, and the City "pick up the ball" from here on. However, the recreation group which Barber heads, would spearhead the publicity and campaign for approval of the referendum.

Recreation proponents have several factors in their favor: 1. Lack of community recreation has long been criticized, and the Morehead News has, for over 20 years, editorially lamented this local shortcoming; 2. Value of the land for the proposed complex is certain to increase with this week's announcement that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will widen and straighten Triplett Creek. The site is on the banks, or near, the creek at Bridge Street, and known as the (E.B.) Sluss property; and 3. Morehead's present tax rate is 48 cents, one of the few 4th class cities in Kentucky that does not assess the maximum 75 cents on each \$100 valuation.

Major problem usually is that tax referendum's fail at the polls unless backed by organized, and informed, public policy organizations, groups and citizens.

However, the plan as outlined above, could be changed at the meeting tonight... or in the immediate future.

Under date of April 4, President Barber sent the following letter to the 300 families that had put up \$100 each as the community effort for the FMA loan.

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"The Administrator of the Farmer's Home Administration informs us that our application for an FHA rural recreation loan has been turned down. Funds from that agency will not be available, at least, during the next fiscal year and the outlook for funds in the foreseeable future appears dim.

"However, there is a way for Morehead to have a recreation park. The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation will give us half the money, if we put up half. The mayor has said that with the money we have collected from

our members, he thinks the city can raise the \$120,000 that is needed to match government funds. With quick action, we could get started this summer.

"Under this plan, the park would be owned and maintained by the city and the members of the Association would not have to pay annual dues. The park would be open to the public.

"In order to get the federal matching funds, we will have to act quickly. I am calling a meeting for 7:30 p.m., Thursday night, April 9, in the county court room at the court house to decide about this plan of action. I urge you to attend so that we can agree on a plan.

"Members may: 1) Vote to wait indefinitely for funding for a private park or; 2) may demand refunding of their membership fee in the accordance with the terms in the application form. However, I believe the plan explained above is our only chance to get a recreation park now and I urge you to support it.

"If you cannot come to the meeting and you wish to support a public park, please sign the form and return it to me today. If you wish to with-draw your support and your money or if you wish to wait indefinitely for a private park, please say so in writing."

The coupon Barber referred to in the foregoing communication was an authorization that the \$100 of each subscriber be available to the City, but returned to the member if the "City owned" recreation park proposal did not materialize in a "reasonable" length of time.

More Money . . . City Needs Large Grant, Plus \$115,000 Loan

Morehead, and Rowan County displayed "community cooperation" in "full measure" during the almost five hour telethon last Thursday in which \$11,212.36 was pledged for the contemplated recreation center.

This exceeded the \$10,000 goal of the sponsors.

The telethon (mechanics) was conducted by radio stations WMOR and WMKY; Morehead T-V cable on channels 2 and 11; and the visual aids department of Morehead State University from which the program originated.

About 360 people called in on special phones provided by General Telephone Company.

The largest contribution came from Cave Run Clinic. They (doctors and personnel) subscribed \$1,100.

Many Gave Over \$100

Others who pledged \$100 or more - WMOR \$100; Mrs. Otto Carr \$100; A Civic Group \$359.65; MSU Recreation Society \$100; Battison Drug \$100; Monarch Supply (Glenns Fraley) \$100; Anonymous \$100; Methodist Church \$600; Presbyterian Church \$700; Jim and Karen Barker \$100; Dr. Milburn Wheeler \$100; Allen's IGA \$300; Mrs. William H. Layne (in memory of her parents) \$165; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn W. Lane \$100.

Others giving \$100 or more - Faith

Presbyterian Church \$725; Mrs. I.M. Garred \$100; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Speer, Greg and Doug \$100; Optimists \$100; Anonymous \$100; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Gregory \$100; Morehead T-V Cable \$300; Mr. and Mrs. John Hanrahan \$100; Morehead Woman's Club \$300; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lytle \$100; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jones \$100.

Others - Mr. and Mrs. Linkous Cisco \$100; Anonymous \$100; Homer Gregory Co. (C.L. Armstrong) \$100; Mr. and Mrs. J. Earl McBrayer \$100; Mrs. Mahlon Hall and family (in memory of Mr. Mahlon Hall) \$100; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wolfe \$100; Citizens Bank \$200; Mr. and Mrs. Buford Crager \$100; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Burns \$100; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lewis \$100; Cecil Whittle \$100; William Mahaney 100; John Hanrahan \$100; Arlie Doanhue \$100; George Hill \$100; Carl Stout, Jr. \$100; Daryl Bates \$100; Andrew Offutt \$100; Steve Hamilton \$100; Jack VanHook \$100; and Dorsey Hardin, Jr. \$100.

The recreation association and the City stressed that about 300 families had previously subscribed, and paid, \$100 each to the recreation complex; and their names are not included in the over \$11,000 raised through the telethon. (This list was previously published in the Morehead News).

The telethon brings the "local community

effort" subscriptions to over \$40,000.

FHA Loan Is Denied

The idea of a "long overdue" recreation complex to serve Morehead, and Rowan County, started about two years ago. It was anticipated at the time that if the community raised \$50,000, the Farmers Home Administration would make a 40 year loan at a low interest rate of around \$475,000, making the total cost more than a half-million dollars.

Because of the Vietnam War, President Nixon ordered a cut-back in domestic spending and lending and FHA advised they could not make the long term loan.

Proponents of the center then turned to the City of Morehead. The City, as a constituted municipality, is eligible for a 50-50 outright grant.

The Morehead-Rowan County Recreation Association, Inc. (non-profit group) voted the project over to the City, and Council accepted.

Bond Referendum Probable

The status of the proposed recreational center as of today -

+ The City is in the process of purchasing what is known as the E.B. Sluss property on south Bridge Street for \$65,000, plus some interest. Sluss optioned and then sold the property, lying along Triplett Creek, and in the neighborhood of the Morehead State University heating plant, to C.B. Cornett and Russell Barker, two of the original promoters of the project.

+ Plans have been revised so the recreation complex will cost about \$375,000, instead of the original \$525,000. However, it will still contain a large clubhouse with kitchen and banquet facilities; all-year olympic swimming pool; many lighted ball diamonds and playing fields; and other recreation facets such as tennis courts, horse-shoe pitching, volley ball etc.

+ The City is preparing an application for a grant of \$135. (A grant should not be confused with a loan).

+ The City will receive the approximate \$40,000 from the recreation association - this is the \$30,000 previously subscribed, and the money raised through Thursday's telethon.

+ The salient factors as of now are: 1. Will the City be approved for the about \$165,000 grant from the federal government. Mayor William H. Layne said today he is sure this will be forthcoming; 2. Will the City place on the ballot (probably November general election) a referendum to borrow around \$125,000? It is possible for Council to vote to borrow this money without a public referendum. However, the money market is tight, and the interest rate is usually lower on a "voted" bond issue, with ear-marked revenue, bearing the full faith and integrity of the City if the revenue to amortize the loan payments is insufficient; 3. How soon can construction start? After the recreation center is opened, the City has assumed a "considerable" task - in - its - operation requiring considerable personnel, management etc. and hope that profits can meet the bonded indebtedness.

Others who made pledges during the telethon are - Mr. and Mrs. William Hough \$25; Eddie Byron \$10; Sigma Pi Fraternity \$25; Dr. Crayton Jackson \$50; Community Student Volunteers \$50; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Anderson \$10; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Landreth \$25; Christopher and John Offutt \$95; Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Byron \$25; Nina and Buffy \$95; Myrtle Hamm \$10; Mark McClure \$1; Laura Duncan \$5; Theta Chi; (in memory of James E. Hacke) \$50; Mr. and Mrs. Meade Roberts \$50; Anonymous \$25; Mr. and Mrs. Ora Fraley \$10; Frankie Gevedon \$5; Chi Phi Fraternity \$10; Kim Barker \$5; Jimmy Ward \$2; Mrs. J.A. Allen \$25; David Johnson

\$17; Jenny Duff \$10; Joe, Josephine and Elizabeth Tolliver \$50; Arvil Caudill (Morehead Tire Supply) \$50; Larry Caudill \$1; Mr. and Mrs. James Ison \$10; Teresa Baggett and Kim Schmidt \$25; Catherine Bach \$25; Deane's Jewelry \$50; Bud Lucke \$1; J. Parker \$1; Chuck Adams \$13; Timmy Fouch \$2; Brian Adkins \$5; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Watson \$10; Bobby Johnson \$25; Doak Walker \$14; Keith Quinn \$1; Sherry, Steve, Tammy, Byron Fultz \$20; J. C. Jolly \$1; Chris Hedges \$1; Ronnie Day \$1; Candy, Andra, Larry Wilson \$10.

Others who contributed in the telethon - David Doran Flatt \$10; Candy, Andra, Sandra Harris \$5; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wilson \$10; Debbie Mullen \$5; Lee and Barbara Allen \$7; Elmer Gregory \$5; Jeff Barker \$5; Byron Kelly Robbins \$1; Jimmy Morrison \$5; Mark Lewis \$5; Larry Johnson \$13; Davie Philley \$1; American Home Department, Morehead Woman's Club \$27; Noah Logan \$20; Jeffrey Bryant \$5; Mitchell Bryont \$5; Phillip Dehart \$5; Chris Duff \$1; Darlene and Greta Jo Keith \$2; Robert Donahue \$5; The Eagles Nest \$25; Glenn Fields \$12; Mike Abner \$10; Bev and Pat McClain \$25; Susan Abner \$10; Kelly Abner \$25; Dave and Rozella Abner \$25; Kenny Adams and Steve Martin \$2; Kathy Adams \$5; James Gregory \$5; Daryl Hamilton \$5; Bobby Johnson \$1.50; Tommy Queen \$2; Michael Gillum \$1; Clarrissa Thomas \$1; Lynn Rittenhouse \$5; Girl Scouts Troop \$42 \$10; Brownie Troop 383 \$5; Charles Childers \$3; Glen Boodry \$10; Paul Stokes \$5; Stevie Switzer \$5; Michael Cooley \$1; Danny Dailey \$5; Steve Walker \$5; Cindy and Laura Queen \$5; Skipper Holly \$11; Rusty and Ronnie Kautz \$25; Ione Chapman \$25; Elizabeth Mayo \$25; Doug Phillips \$2; Steve Martin \$11; Shane Bethel \$5; Walt Bethel \$10.

Others who contributed in the telethon - Mr. and Mrs. Micky Wells and Shelly \$20; Gail Martin \$10; Bill Rosenberg \$5; Rusty Dean \$10; Mr. and Mrs. James Mann \$10; Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Pelphrey, Jr., (Pelphrey's Store) \$25; Debbie Pack \$10; Gary Cisco \$25; Jaycettes \$25; Jeff McIntosh \$2; The Red Steer \$50; Mr. and Mrs. Don C. Wells \$25; Anonymous \$25; Larry Caudill \$1; Alice Cox \$25; Clifford Caudill \$5; Sgt. James T. Caudill, Jr. in Vietnam \$5; Rebecca Hevener \$15; Matthew Hill \$5; George Luckey \$50; Mary Alice Jayne \$25; Ann Hulet \$5; Mr. David Brown \$5; Pam Phillips \$2.50; Harold Bates, Jr. \$10; Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Crosthwaite \$50; Donnie, Sandra, and Bridget Butler \$5; Ricky Dulin \$5; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Glover \$10; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dulin \$2; Stephen Perkins \$25; Danny Wallace \$5; Billy and Bobbie Hough \$10; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Young \$50; Wayne Hough \$2; Michelle Earley \$5; Betty Jean Gregory \$30; Morehead Woman's Club Fine Arts Dept. \$15; Cheryl Ferguson \$10; Lornea Gay Ferguson \$10; Burl Lee Ferguson \$10; Denise Ferguson \$10; Mr. and Mrs. Paris Ferguson \$10; Anthony and Anna Crouch \$5; Ferguson Electronics \$35; Tom Hayes \$10; Jerry Scruggs \$10; Joe Hodge \$25; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roberson \$25; Mr. and Mrs. D.E. Bayless \$25; Daryl Thompson \$2; Vickie Lee Damron \$1; Senior Scouts 16, \$10; William Richardson \$25; Leslie Smith \$1; Sammy Gullett \$10.

Other telethon contributions - L. J. and Judy Caskey \$5; University Younger Woman's Club \$10; Kenny Johnson \$10; Tommy Lyons \$7.50; Michael Cooley \$1; Cheryl Hargis \$1; Ricky Bonyata \$1; Betsy Bonyata \$1; Teresa Gillum \$1; Ramona Wolfe \$1; Chuck Bonyata \$1; Angela Gillum \$1; Holt Clarke 50 cents; Sammy Cornett \$1; Terry Hopper \$1; Kelly Clarke 50 cents; James O. Boits \$10; Miss Lori Cox \$10; Billy Black \$5; Mr. and Mrs. William Bigham \$50; Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Fryman \$50; John Back \$5; Lea Casper \$1; Winfred Adkins \$2; Ken Godsey \$25; Faye Ellis \$10; Mr. and

Mrs. Willie Gregory \$5.

Others include - Linda Cooley \$5; Frank Laughlin \$25; Kenneth Blair \$1; Mary Roberts \$5; June Jamison \$10; David Hargis \$5; Michael, Michelle, and Chris Yaden \$5; Cindy Walker \$1; Joe Reynolds \$1; Williamson Company (Ken Godsey) \$50; Bill Hamilton \$5; William Bigham \$50; Marvin Deaton \$50; James and Karen Clark \$25; Dorsey Hardin Jr. \$100; Judy Fannin \$50; Pat McGarey \$50; Mrs. Mirvel Caudill, Pam and Crosley \$50; Arnold Pack \$50; Lee Moore \$10; Willie Gregory \$5; Dr. J.E. Duncan \$5; Ray Roberts \$5; Ron Smith \$5; Hildreth Maggard \$20; J.M. Ferguson \$5; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Netherton \$10; Lounie Gregory \$5; Staff of WMKY \$10; Mrs. Len Watson \$11; and Staff of WMOR \$10.

April 4, 1970

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Yours very sincerely,

Woodrow W. Barber

Woodrow W. Barber, President
Morehead-Rowan County Recreation Association

Clip and Return

TO: MOREHEAD-ROWAN COUNTY RECREATION ASSOCIATION, Inc.:

The undersigned having contributed \$100.00 to Morehead-Rowan County Recreation Association, a corporation, thereby becoming a member of such Association, hereby agrees and consents that such Association may pay over and deliver unto City of Morehead, Kentucky, such membership fee to be used solely for development of a public municipal park, provided, however, (1) that in event the City does not within a reasonable time develop such municipal park system the membership fee shall be returned by the City to said Association and provided further, (2) that undersigned shall be released from any further subscription or pledge to said Association heretofore made.

This _____ day of April, 1970

\$10,000 IS THE GOAL!!

Community leaders and radio-television services in Morehead plan a massive "telethon" for recreation in Morehead.

WMOR

WMKY

CHANNEL 2

MAY 14, 1970

THURSDAY

7:00 - 11:00 PM

Members of the city council and officers of the Morehead-Rowan County Recreation Association will present the plan to the citizens of Morehead this Thursday night. The status of land acquisition, the priority of facilities will all be discussed.

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING
AT 10:30 PM. THE MEETING WILL BE CARRIED LIVE
ON ALL MEDIA. THE DECISION IS UP TO THE
CITIZEN!!

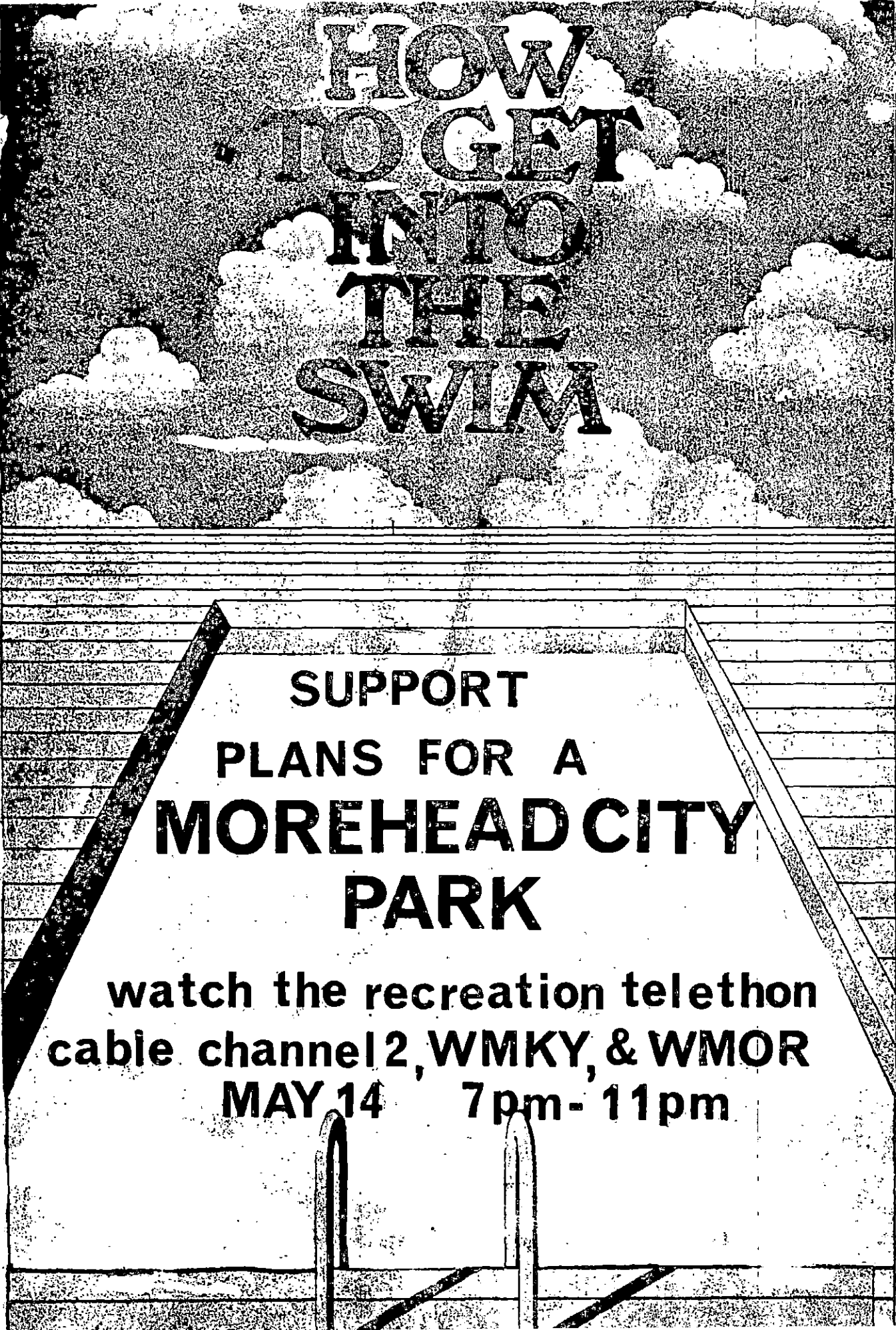
Show your interest by donation. Call:

783-3241

783-3106

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Representatives of civic and church groups will appear to make contributions from their organizations.



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SUPPORT PLANS FOR A MOREHEAD CITY PARK

watch the recreation telethon
cable channel 2, WMKY, & WMOR
MAY 14 7pm - 11pm



WORKING TOGETHER
AT THE LOCAL LEVEL TOWARD A
COMMON GOAL...ENRICHMENT OF
COMMUNITY LIFE



PROPOSED FACILITIES
of the
MOREHEAD-ROWAN COUNTY RECREATION ASSOCIATION

It is the intention of the Morehead-Rowan County Recreation Association to construct the following facilities on approximately 28 acres of land conveniently located:

The CLUB BUILDING will have men and women's locker rooms, shower rooms, rest rooms, sauna rooms, dining room, kitchen, snack bar, game rooms, meeting room and lobby.

The SWIMMING POOL will be a 50 yard, N.C.A.A. pool, 6 lanes wide with a deep diving end. The pool will be enclosed and heated. There will be ample deck area around the pool. Pool roof will be removable in the summer time.

Outside, there will be the following facilities:

The 4 TENNIS COURTS will be "Teniko" all weather courts, fenced and lighted.

There will be a "Little League" baseball diamond, a softball diamond, and a baseball diamond. The little league and softball diamond will be lighted. There will be rest rooms, concession stand and bleacher seating.

There will be a fenced and lighted "Kiddy" playground. There will be outdoor facilities for badminton, volley ball, croquet, shuffle board, horse shoes, etc., all of which will be lighted.

There will be a paved multi-use area for baseball which can be flooded and used for ice skating in the winter.

There will be picnic areas with tables, benches and cook-out stoves.

The entire area will be serviced by paved roads and ample parking areas and all will be tastefully landscaped.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE COSTS

Land - 28 acres	\$ 60,000.00
Club Building & Pool	224,000.00
Outdoor Facilities	95,000.00
Architect-Engineer Fees	20,000.00
Legal Fees	500.00
Expenses	500.00
Total Project Cost	\$ 400,000.00

FINANCING

500 Memberships of \$100 each	\$ 50,000.00
40 Year loan from Farmers Home Admin.	350,000.00
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	\$ 400,000.00

OPERATING BUDGET

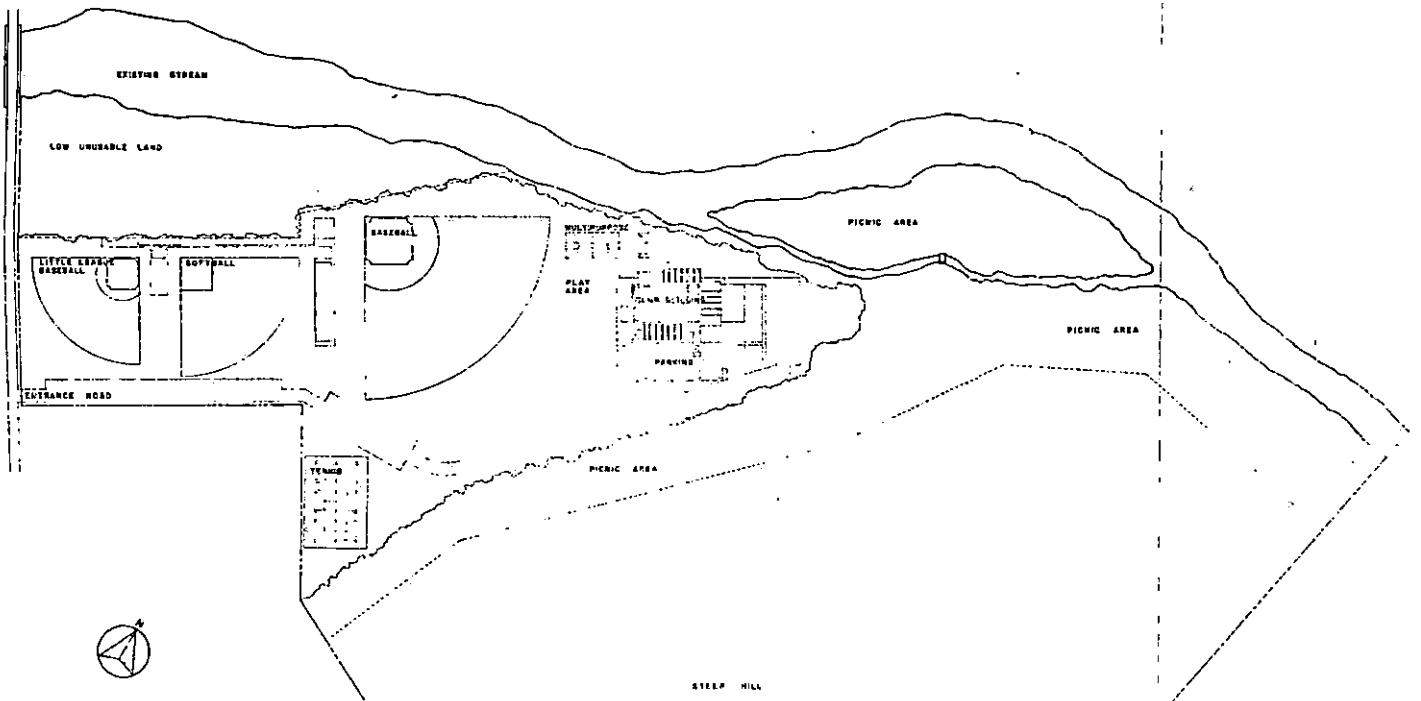
<u>INCOME</u> Yearly dues of \$96 x 500 members (this is \$8.00 per month per family)	\$ 48,000.00
Income from dining room, snack bar, concessions and other rentals.	15,000.00

EXPENSES

Yearly payment \$350,000.00 loan	\$ 20,740.00
10% surplus required by F.H.A.	2,100.00
Manager, Cooks, Janitors, Life Guards, Grounds Keeper, Utilities, taxes, etc.	40,251.00

Total Income	\$ 63,000.00
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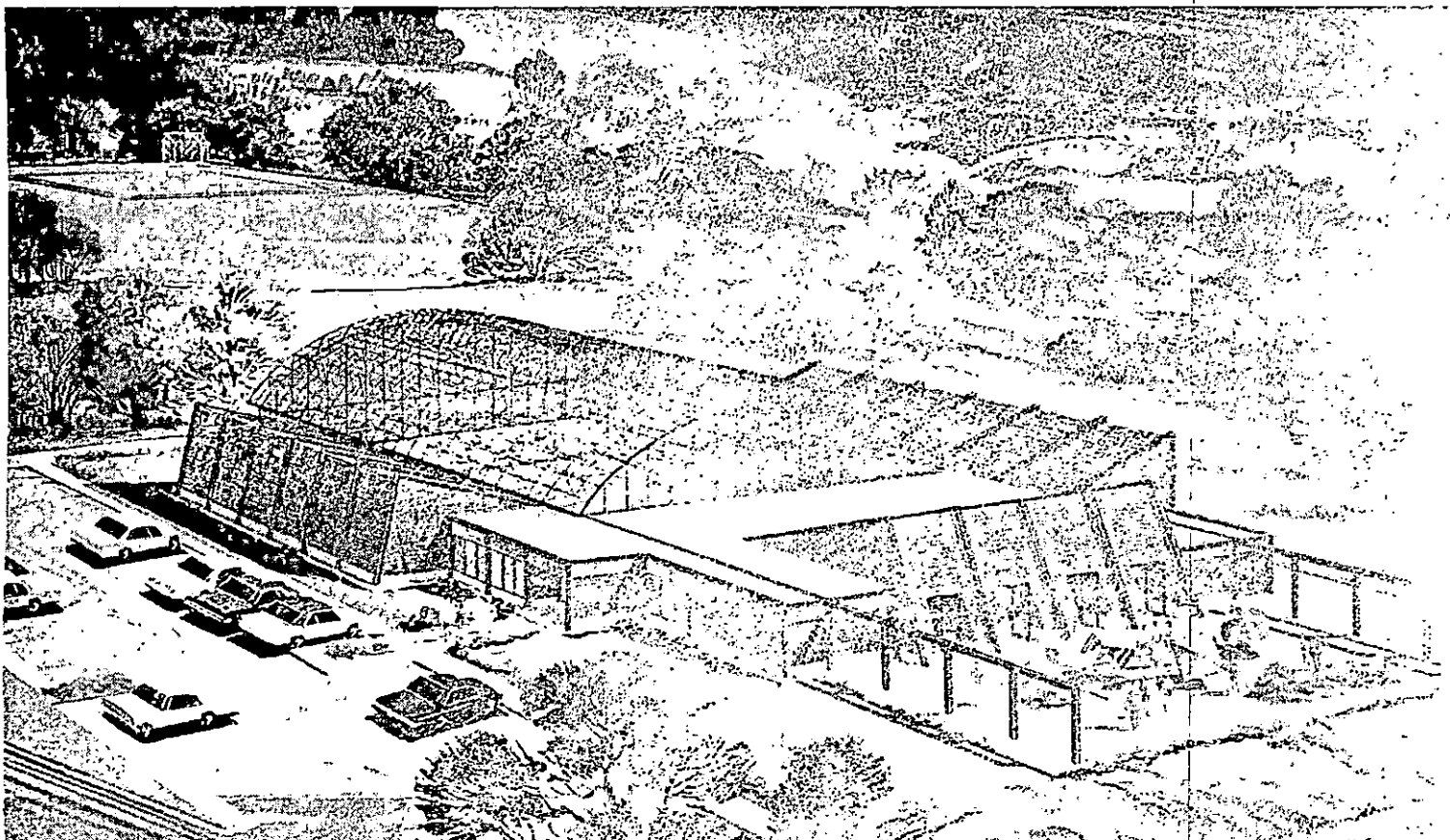
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MOREHEAD - ROWAN COUNTY RECREATION ASSOCIATION

PROPOSED FACILITIES — BY SIECO, INC ARCHITECTS - ENGINEERS - PLANNERS

■ PLOT PLAN



Morehead News

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 1970

City Responsibility...

Recreational Center

Morehead's City Council voted last Tuesday to "take over" the recreational complex, planned for the last three years by the Morehead and Rowan County Recreation Association, a group of about 300 citizens.

The charter stockholders had each put \$100.

A park, approaching a cost of about \$425,000 had been planned on South Bridge Street, with a Farmers Home Administration long term loan financing the balance, about \$395,000.

The FHA loan was denied after President Nixon ordered a cut-back of about 75 percent in domestic spending because of the Vietnam War and the costly space (moon) program.

Actually, Morehead's Council did nothing more Tuesday than they had about 12 years ago. A vote at that time called for a city recreational plan.

The City, as a municipality, is eligible for a 50-50 grant from the federal government. Usually these grants require long study before approval.

Tuesday's action by Council brings forth these questions -

+ If the 300 charter members put up their \$30,000 will the City apply for a grant of an equal amount to purchase the property under option from E. B. Sluss?

+ The revised plans call for eliminating

some of the recreation plans so the cost will be about \$300,000. Will the City apply for a \$125,000 matching grant?

+ How will the City raise its one-half (\$125,000) for the park? Will a referendum (specified and ear-marked) tax be necessary? The City would undoubtedly have a problem borrowing \$125,000 in the existing tight money market, unless it was by a vote (mandate) of the taxpayers. Some Council members have "openly" viewed an occupational tax (perhaps one percent) such as many Kentucky cities of the first four classes already have. This would be a "big money raiser" as all employees of Morehead State University, Cowden Manufacturing Company etc would have the one percent taken from their pay checks.

+ Should the City take a "wait and see what develops" position, i.e., purchase the land for \$60,000; and hold it with hope that the position of the federal government will change and the FHA loan, or other federal subsidy, develop?

As of today the city owned park plan is in sort of "status quo" despite Tuesday's council vote.

Mayor William H. Layne, who was in Washington and did not attend the Council meeting said that "progress on the park may

be slow . . . or it could be accelerated depending on the availability of federal funds . . . and the attitude of citizens toward a City indebtedness of perhaps \$125,000 with an additional tax to amortise the debt."

A town hall meeting preceded action of Council.

Woodrow Barber, President of the Morehead and Rowan County Recreational Association has been "optimistic" the park will be built. It calls for a year-around full-size olympic swimming pool, many playgrounds, ball fields, parking, lighting for night sports, clubhouse etc.

The park would be open to the public, and the \$100 put up by the charter members become, in effect, a contribution to the City.

The City last year borrowed \$85,000 for rights-of-way to widen and straighten Triplett Creek.

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RECREATION DISCUSSED...Principals in the Breathitt County meeting last Thursday to discuss youth and its needs in this community included, left to right, Carl Stout and Dr. Rex Chaney, Morehead State University; Roy G. Eversole, Supr. of Hazard City Schools; Mayor Jay Staten and local Youth Chairman Len Noble, Jackson; Dee Davis, District Youth Chairman, Hazard; and Patricia Turner, Breathitt Youth Chairman for the White House Conference on Children and Youth.

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The project team was invited to Jackson, Kentucky, by Mr. Hays Pigman, a member of the Jackson Recreation Committee.

Jackson has just recently completed a city election and has a new mayor (Mr. Stateman) and several new councilmen coming into office. Rev. George Fletcher, chairman of the Jackson Recreation Committee emphasized that this new council would, in December, vote on the new city budget. He also emphasized that they were budget minded and not youth oriented. Therefore, he needed quick information from the project team in the way of what should they, as the Recreation Committee, reasonably ask for to be approved as the recreation budget for the city for the coming year.

Dr. Chaney placed much emphasis on the fact that to quote a budget figure without a working knowledge of the needs of the community, its leadership potential, its facilities, and other related areas would be quite an assumption for him to suggest. However, he did point out the present national average of \$8 per capita and at the same time indicated many communities are running an excellent program on \$6 per capita, or even \$1.50 per capita as a low figure.

The project team suggested that the Recreation Committee should consider hiring a professional individual to conduct

their program and that at a minimum he or she should be a \$6,500 salary. It was brought out that to obtain a qualified professional through our national organization, a community would have to pay \$7,200 at a minimum in order to obtain their services.

Other ways were mentioned to get around this problem of leadership:

1. School -- utilization of its facilities.
2. Work-study students working as volunteers or salaried from Lee's Junior College located in their city.
3. Utilization of all available resources (i.e. courthouse, church basement, etc.).

Rev. Fletcher emphasized many times throughout the session that this would be a city -- not county program. Rev. Fletcher asked of the Intern Program carried on by the University. Dr. Chaney explained the operation of this program and indicated that in order to make it effective and a realistic experience the interns would have to have supervision much as a student teacher does when he or she enters into that phase of their program. The University and the project team were very insistent on this particular point.

The question arose as to whether the schools would back a recreation program and those present said the city schools would go along with such a program.

It was suggested that the community should establish a Recreation Commission. Once appointed, this commission

would take responsibility for whatever the community desires to get done in the way of recreation.

The board, must have at least five members, and Dr. Chaney suggested that youth be one of those members.

Several years ago, interest in a park was generated but as soon as the people owning the land heard about this venture, they hiked the price of the land.

Presently, the community has almost a non-existent recreational program. There is a swimming pool in the community and a drive-in theater; the downtown theater is no longer in operation. They have no basketball leagues, little leagues, softball leagues, etc.

Dr. Chaney, at the request of the Recreation Committee of Jackson, was to send to them information on Kentucky Revised Statutes for creating this Recreation Commission and also information on community use of a school facility.

The question arose as to what money sources other than through the Mott Foundation was available for programming. Dr. Chaney indicated there was none for programming, but he did indicate the possibility of contacting the B.O.R. for land acquisition and development.

Dr. Chaney talked of assistance the University could offer; the University will pay \$42 and the community \$18 per week for work-study people. Dr. Chaney further emphasized these people could be Breathitt County people.

The survey team was invited to attend a Youth White House Conference Meeting in the County Court House. This meeting was specifically an opportunity for the youth to "speak out" on their problems and their needs. Some of those in attendance were:

Glen Noble	Chairman, Breathitt County Youth Organization
Pat Turner	Co-Chairman, Breathitt County Youth Organization
Miss Dixie Rose	Recreation Committee Member
Ray White	Member, Health Department
Bob Tolyer	Member, Recreation Committee
Johnny Harrell	Superintendent, Jackson School System
William Miller	Lee's Jr. College
Rev. George Fletcher	Member, Recreation Committee
Roy Eversole	Regional Assessment Chairman
Dee Davis	Regional Youth Chairman
Students from city and county schools	

Rev. Fletcher was the moderator and he began by asking youth to come forward and say what they had to say concerning youth and their needs. The students began by discussing recreational needs, i.e.:

Q. There is a school playground with nice equipment with a sign on it saying "No Playing After School." Why was the question.

A. No supervision and construction going on in that area.

Q. Why not a pre-school program with student volunteers to supervise?

A. Volunteer programs short lived. Leadership leaves. An operation two years ago fourteen centers were open but volunteers "cut-out" and program died. Could not get cooperation of Youth Council.

Q. Football for Breathitt County tried three years ago. Where is equipment?

A. Jaycees have it. Program failed because parents did not support. Cost about \$5,000 to field football team and this is a conservative figure.

Q. Mott Foundation -- School use.

A. Man (Bill Strong) in charge left. However, work is being done again now.

Dr. Chaney was then asked to talk on recreation. How do we get recreation started?

A. First thing you have to have continuity; this is done by:

1. Establishing a recreation commission with youth representatives

2. Programming together

B. Functions of Commission

1. Be responsible for all activities of all age groups

2. Dr. Chaney gave the example of Paintsville

C. School use -- needs supervision

D. Secondly, need full-time director.

Other questions asked during this "speak-out" were concerning:

1. Jobs for youth or lack of jobs.
2. Why don't adults come to youth meetings?
3. Need for doctor on call for emergency.
4. Need for a hospital.
5. Need for a student council.

Someone asked Dr. Chaney how to form a county recreation commission. He responded by the Mayor and Fiscal Court joining together.

Miss Pat Turner spoke on survey they had done on what people wanted to do. Subsequent meetings had been held in Lexington and some of the issues brought forth are to be voted on by the legislature.

Glen Noble, Chairman of the Breathitt County Youth Organization, spoke and indicated the first purpose of their organization was to serve youth.

The project team was asked to stay around after the meeting to discuss any further problem areas with youth and to also meet with the Mayor and youth leaders present at the meeting.

A Recreation Commission has been appointed for Breathitt County and are working on a proposed budget in order to submit a proposal for a recreation program in Jackson and Breathitt County.

CONCLUSION

After twelve months of activity, the results of this project speak for themselves. New recreation commissions were established, new summer playground programs were initiated, and long range plans have been laid for total recreation programs in all six of the counties plus others. The project team will continue to work with these counties along with others as University budget and responsibilities allow. The project team is dedicated to the realization of total recreation for every community in Eastern Kentucky.